

Arthur Flake

The Formula Maker

Arthur Flake was born in LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas, in 1862. He was married to Lena Nelson of Mississippi in 1895.

Flake was converted at the age of 31 due to the influence of a revival service in Meridian, Miss.

These Men Shaped Sunday School They Gave It Birth, Helped It Grow

Shortly thereafter as a traveling salesman and department store manager, he took up residence in Winona, Miss.

In 1895 he organized in his church, First Baptist Church, Winona, the first Baptist Young People's Union in the state. He also served as a volunteer Sunday School superintendent and was so successful that in 1909 he was elected as field worker by the Baptist Sunday School Board. He was both a Sunday School and Training Union pioneer.

In 1920 he was given charge of the department of Sunday School administration, Baptist Sunday School Board, and in this position he did his major life work.

Flake was a keen observer and practitioner of organizational principles.

He developed, standardized, and popularized a philosophy and a methodology of Sunday School organization and administration on which most of the present Sunday School program is based.

Among other things Flake initiated the enlargement campaign, the five step formula in building a Sunday School (discover the possibilities, enlarge the organization, provide a place, train the workers, and visit the prospects), the Sunday School Builder, books and leaflets on Sunday School work, and the Sunday School clinic idea.

Among nearly a dozen books Flake wrote are: *Building a Standard Sunday School* (1922), *The Sunday School Secretary and the Six Point Record System* (1924), and *The True Fun-*

ctions of the Sunday School (1930).

While Southern Baptist churches practiced Arthur Flake's formula for building a Sunday School, their Sunday Schools grew and flourished in number and spirit.

When Baptists tend to forget these principles and practice other plans of Sunday School work, enrollment decreases.

Much is being written and voiced today about "Flake's formula." Other

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Sunday School Father

Two centuries have passed since Robert Raikes, a newspaperman of some wealth in Gloucester, England,

conceived the Sunday School. Raikes was an early social activist who, as he saw social wrongs, took steps to bring about change in the lives of the people.

As Raikes ventured into a Gloucester slum one day looking for a gardener he was appalled at what he saw among the poor.

The Sabbath was the only day of rest for the children of his day who spent six days working in factories and the Sabbath running the streets and being understandably mischievous.

Raikes was not only a man of wealth and social concern but evidently a man of deep spiritual convictions. Raikes is reported to have later recalled "I saw the destitution of the children, the desecration of the Sabbath by the inhabitants and asked, 'Could anything be done?' " Raikes heard a voice



Robert Raikes

within answer, "Try."

For three years he operated a Sunday School on an experimental basis. Designed for the poor he began at a location called "Sooty Alley" and was taught by a woman whom Raikes paid a shilling a day.

His main approach in this school was

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Woman's Missionary Union Annual Meeting

June 8-9, 1980

Kiel Auditorium

St. Louis, MO.

THEME: "Life-Changing Commitments"

Director of music and soloist at each session: Mrs. Beverly Terrell, Dallas, TX
Organist: Albin Whitworth, Wilmore, KY

Sunday Afternoon, June 8, 3:30

Session Theme: The Family in Life-Changing Commitments

Monologue on the theme: Sheryl Churchill, Baptist Young Women consultant, WMU, Birmingham, AL

Interviews of Families by Evelyn Blount, assistant to the education division directors, WMU Birmingham, AL

The Adrian Rogers family, Memphis, TN. Rogers is president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church.

The James Barron family, missionaries in Ghana.

The Ted Samples family, missionaries among Indians in Fort Washakie, WY.

The Gilbert Butler family, Guin, AL, volunteer workers in home missions

Special Music: Missouri Singing Women, Linda Boyd, Jefferson City, MO, director

Address: Harvey Cox, professor, Harvard University Divinity School and author, Cambridge, MA

Monday Morning, June 9, 9:30

Session Theme: The Church in Life-Changing Commitments

Monologue on the theme: Sheryl Churchill, Birmingham, AL

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Rural Church Called Intimate, Informal

By Tim Nicholas

When David Sapp was pastor of a rural Baptist church, he couldn't understand the heated debate prior to rebuilding the church which had been destroyed by a tornado. Members argued over whether to rebuild over the old foundation or on a new one nearby.

Said Sapp to a conference on "Applying the Gospel in the Rural Church Community," at Blue Mountain College, "It was clear to me the church should rebuild with a new and safe foundation."

But the church voted to build over the old one. And Sapp told 30 ministers attending the conference he didn't understand why until an older woman told him she had been baptized at the

first baptizing in the old church. She added, "I really am glad there's going to be a little of it left."

Sapp, now on the staff of the Christian Life Commission said that among rural people there is often a very strong "sense of place," and the church building can be a "symbol of their life with God." He said that ministers in rural communities need to recognize that and "move them to know that God isn't tied to this ground or these bricks."

Other distinctives of rural church communities "seem to be blurring," said Sapp. Generally, he said, rural families have more experiences working together, "in a different way than

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Charles Myers, pastor of Jackson's Alta Woods Church, speaks to a rural pastor's conference at Blue Mountain.

Control Of Trustee Nominations

'Concerned Laymen' Organize

By Toby Drulin

Associate Editor

Baptist Standard

DALLAS (BP) — The organization that last year pushed the inerrancy question at the Southern Baptist Convention is active again, this time seeking lay participation from every association and state convention.

Its goal is to determine who is elected SBC president for at least four consecutive years and maybe as many as 10, and, through presidential committee appointments, try to control nomination of trustees of SBC agencies.

Lay involvement is being sought because "many pastors lack the courage

to deal with the problem," it was charged, and because lay church members control the money going to denominational agencies and can ultimately determine the paths those agencies follow.

Paige Patterson, president of the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies in Dallas, revealed the plan and made the charges in a meeting April 3 seeking lay volunteers to organize the effort. He reiterated them in an interview with the Baptist Standard, Texas Baptist state newspaper, on April 14.

A year ago Patterson and Houston appeals court judge Paul Pressler were the key figures in a plan to elect an SBC president committed to bibli-

cal inerrancy and to ending an alleged drift toward "liberalism." They organized meetings in most state conventions and then supported Adrian P. Rogers for president. The Memphis pastor was elected on the first ballot.

This year, it was revealed at the meeting April 3 at the Spurgeon-Harris Building which houses the Criswell Center in Dallas, that Pressler has organizations in all state conventions. He is attempting to enlist laymen in every association.

Dallas attorney Edward J. Drake, a former chairman of deacons at First Baptist Church, Dallas, presided over the April 3 meeting, explaining that Pressler had requested he serve as

North Texas organizer, responsible for seven Texas counties. Drake also has been named to the SBC committee on resolutions by Rogers, who disavowed knowledge of current political plans.

Two other Dallas men, attorney August Boto and accountant J. Keet Lewis, were presented at the meeting as being responsible for organizing laymen in Dallas Association. Fourteen attended, including three pastors, although at least 50 "concerned laymen" had been invited.

The object is to enlist laymen from each Southern Baptist church, encouraging them to become more involved in their associations, state con-

ventions and the SBC, especially attending the upcoming meeting of the SBC in St. Louis. The organization is offering assistance in getting rooms at Ramada Inn South or at Concordia Seminary, Patterson said.

Drake said the object was to enlist laymen to help stem, as he charged, the drift away from the Bible which has resulted in the evangelistic ineffectiveness of other denominations.

Patterson, principal speaker at the meeting, said, "The issue still is truth — is the Bible in fact totally and completely true? Are we really in substance reduplicating the faith of our founding fathers — are we true to the

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'Overcomes ERISA Deficiencies'

Annuity Board Asks Action On Church Plan Measure

By Stan Hasty

WASHINGTON (BP) — A "church plan" amendment to pending pension legislation, aimed at correcting what the Southern Baptist Annuity Board considers an unconstitutional invasion into church affairs by the Internal Revenue Service, was to be introduced before May 1, according to Annuity Board general counsel Gary S. Nash.

The amendment, to be introduced by Sen. Herman E. Talmadge, D-Ga., a Southern Baptist, represents the best opportunity to date of overcoming what the Annuity Board sees as serious deficiencies in the Employment Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), said Nash. That law would drastically affect church pension plans by Jan. 1, 1983, unless corrective legislation such as Talmadge's is passed by Congress.

S. 1076, known as the "multi-employer bill," is to be marked by May 1, at which time a final version of the pension legislation will presumably be acted upon by the finance committee. If passed by that panel, it will

then go to the Senate floor for action.

Nash said the Talmadge church plan amendment encompasses the objectives of the Annuity Board and of the larger Church Alliance for Clarification of ERISA, a coalition of persons acting on behalf of the pension programs of 27 religious denominations. The Alliance, chaired by Annuity Board President Darold Morgan, rep-

resents member pension boards from the entire religious spectrum, including Protestant, Catholic and Jewish bodies.

Morgan urges Southern Baptists to encourage senators on the finance committee "to support the Talmadge church plan amendments" to S. 1076 when the legislation is marked up in committee in April.

Nash said the Talmadge amendment would insure that church agency employees may continue to be included in church annuity plans. Among those who stand to lose the right to continued participation in church plans by the Jan. 1, 1983, effective date are the employees of SBC agencies, hospitals, schools, chil-

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Southern Picks Mississippian As New Dean, Elects Faculty

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP) — Trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary chose new deans for two of the seminary's schools and elected two new faculty members during their annual meeting on campus.

Walter B. Shurden, a Greenwood, Miss., native, and professor of church

history at Southern Seminary since 1976 and acting dean of the School of Theology since last August, was elected dean of the school.

Shurden succeeds Roy L. Honeycutt, who had held dual responsibilities as provost of the seminary and dean for the last four years. Honeycutt will remain as provost, the chief academic officer of the seminary.

Jack H. McEwen, pastor of First Baptist Church in Chattanooga, Tenn., since 1973, was chosen as dean of the School of Religious Education, succeeding Allen W. Graves, who retires July 31 after 25 years at the seminary.

Graves will continue to teach as a senior professor and will spend the next academic year at Southern Seminary's mission-field campus in Ogbomoso, Nigeria, where 400 students are enrolled.

Trustees enthusiastically accepted the final report on the seminary's "Resource for Excellence" effort to raise \$10 million in new endowment and capital funds, which began three years ago. The campaign topped its goal six months ahead of schedule. With gifts currently in negotiation yet to be counted, total receipts stand at more than \$10.6 million.

A new \$35 million, 10-year program of endowment and capital funds development was approved, with a first-phase goal of \$15 million by 1984-85, the year of the seminary's 125th anniversary, and a second-phase goal of another \$20 million by 1990. That program, unlike the one just concluded, will not be conducted as an organized public campaign.

In other action, the Southern Seminary board:

... elected Gerald L. Borchert, dean of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Lombard, Ill., as professor of New Testament interpretation, with tenure, effective August 1, 1980.

... elected Ernest O. White, former pastor of Wyatt Park Baptist Church in St. Joseph, Mo., as professor of administration and leadership, with tenure, effective immediately.

... adopted a \$7,734,672 operating budget for the fiscal year beginning August 1, which includes a seven percent increase in salaries for faculty and staff, plus a new benefit package that provides for seminary contributions to the retirement funds of faculty and staff members.

... promoted Richard B. Cunningham to professor of Christian philosophy, W. Bryant Hicks to professor of Christian missions and world religions, Richard R. Lin to professor of

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Hubbell Appointed To NOBTS

NEW ORLEANS — Macklyn W. Hubbell, for 18 years pastor of the First Baptist Church, Cleveland,

Miss., has been appointed to the faculty of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary as associate professor of psychology and counseling by the school's board of trustees, according to President Landrum P. Leavell, II.

The Alvin, Tex., native was recommended to the Board by J. Hardee Kennedy, vice president for academic affairs. The appointment is to be effective on June 1, 1980.

Hubbell is a graduate of Baylor University majoring in religion and English, a master of arts degree from the University of Houston in 1953 in history, the bachelor of divinity and master of theology degrees from Southern Seminary in 1956 and 1957, respectively, and a doctor of philosophy degree in 1972 from the University of Southern Mississippi in guidance and counseling.

Hubbell has done post-doctoral work

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Blue Mountain College Enjoys Record Enrollment, "Christian Atmosphere Permeates Everything"

By Don McGregor

Blue Mountain College, one of four colleges related to the Mississippi Baptist Convention, is 106 years old; and it is enjoying a record enrollment. The school was founded in 1873, and it has been in continuous operation since. This semester it has the highest second semester enrollment in its history. The student body numbers 363. The first semester of this academic year had the second highest first semester enrollment in history, according to E. Harold Fisher, president.

Fisher contributes this success to distinctives which the school has and works to maintain. First, it is Baptist related; and the college is dedicated to this relationship. Second, it is a liberal arts college for women; and there are not many in that category. Third, the college does accept men among its student body; but they must all be preparing for a full-time religious vocation.

Though the boys and girls attend classes together and eat lunch together in the cafeteria, that is the extent of their coeducational endeavors. Many of the girls commute to attend college there, but all of the boys do. There are no boys in on-campus dormitories. Boys are not eligible for student body offices. They are all held by girls. The boys have their counterpart in a ministerial organization.

While the emphasis for men is in the direction of a church-related vocation, the focus for women is total development, Fisher points out. "We do not have what a large research university has to offer. But we have what the world cannot survive without. That is quality of women in the home and quality of men in church-related vocations."

Some institutions are seeking their identity, he said. "We know what we are."

The ministerial education program was begun in 1956. Today 17 per cent of the ministers in Lee County are graduates, 23 per cent in Pontotoc County, 48.65 per cent in Union County, and 60.7 per cent in Tippah. Again, Fisher credits the success of the program as being "due to the fact that we know what we are."

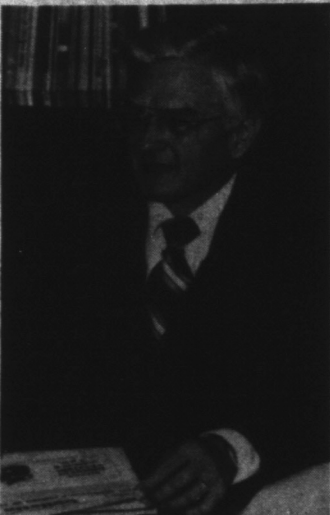
Fisher has been president of Blue Mountain College since 1965. He is the sixth. The school was established by Gen. M. P. Lowrey, and he served from 1873 until 1885. All of the other presidents have been Lowreys also except for Fisher and William C. Tyler, who served from 1940 until 1945. From 1945 until 1949 and from 1911 until 1925 it was William Tyndale Lowrey. From 1900 until 1911 it was Bill Green Lowrey. From 1925 until 1960 it was Lawrence Tyndale Lowrey.

Tyler's widow, Frances Tyler, still serves as a professor in the Bible Department along with James Travis, the chairman, and Doug Bain. Bible courses are required, and chapel attendance is required. Once each week a minister speaks in chapel.

There is no smoking, no drinking, and no dancing. "This is the kind of school we are," Fisher said. He emphasized that it is a Baptist school, that it belongs to the Mississippi Baptist Convention. The basic rules are published, and there is no compromise. "We can't take Baptist money and promote something detrimental to the



Male students on the Blue Mountain College campus take no part in student government activities but have their own Ministerial Alliance. James Travis, center, is chairman of the Bible Department. Officers of the Ministerial Alliance are, left to right, Chris Hall, Mike Stewart, Gary Crowell, Randy Bain, Danny Munson, and Earl Farley.



E. Harold Fisher has been president of Blue Mountain College since 1965.



The gates to the campus are a familiar landmark in Blue Mountain.



The administration building at Blue Mountain College.



Student government at the college is in the hands of the female students since it is a women's college. Anna Wright, front right, is the president of the Student Government Association. Quada Fulham, front left, is the senior attorney. Standing behind are Mrs. Jean Chapman and Mrs. Frances Tyler, faculty advisors.

denomination," he added. "We need the prayers of Baptist people," he added. He said he hoped that people could be awakened to the power of prayer and that they would pray for the young people in the college and the faculty and the administration that all would remain true.

The church-related college needs college-related churches, Fisher believes. "It is a two-way street."

The uniqueness of Blue Mountain means that the boys and girls are not together during any of the extra curricular activities. Fisher declares that this is no problem. The men have comradeship in that they are all in the same boat, he said. It is the same for the women. "If we were to co-educational it would dilute our strength," he added. "We can promote ourselves because we are strong in our uniqueness."

One of the strengths is that all of the male students must major or minor in

Bible. Another is that 85 per cent of the female graduates marry and are homemakers. He said a very high percentage of the graduates of the college are church members, and 55 per cent are Sunday School teachers. He believes the concept of the woman's college is coming back. Students who come from this kind of a supportive environment contribute more to society, he feels, and believes it is even more true of the graduates of the church-related woman's college.

Additionally, he feels the liberal arts education that is received at most church-related colleges such as Blue Mountain better equips the graduates to adapt to the environment. "The only thing we are sure of is the rapidity of change," he declares. "The end product of education is not a total of skills. It is a total human being."

Of the 363 students at Blue Mountain, 114 live in the dormitories on campus and 30 are ministerial students. The

balance of the students are commuters.

The Blue Mountain campus almost surrounds Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church. The school has no activities in conflict with church services. "The Christian atmosphere permeates everything we do," declares Fisher. "We surround the students with a Christian environment as best we can. It is an overt, active effort." He added, "If the Christian institution will maintain its Christian stance, God will bless the institution."

He said, however, that in the next 10 years it will take a strong stance and commitment to Christian principles in the face of inflation.

"If we don't surround the students with a Christian atmosphere," however, "they will miss a part of their education."

Note: This is the first in a series of articles projected on Mississippi Baptist institutions.

Allocations

Edwina Robinson

WMU Special Day Offering, 1980

International Student Conference	\$ 500
Scholarship	
Seminaries (3)	1,200
Overseas (2)	1,050
Missionary Kids Love Gifts	1,250
Aged Ministers and Widows	2,500
Camp Garaywa	21,800
Professional Staff Training	750
Mississippi Missionary Appointees	2,600
Northern Plains Leader Training	1,000
Leadership Training	5,000
Handbells for Errol Simmons, music missionary to Spain	600
Mississippi Baptist Seminary	150
Seamen's Service Centers	
New Orleans	100
Gulfport	100
Pascagoula	100
Reader's Digest for Mississippi Missionaries	1,500
TOTAL	\$40,000

Concerned Laymen Organize

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Anabaptist vision? Do we believe today that Hubmaier, Marpeck, Helwys, Smith, Richard Furman, Judge R. E. B. Baylor, B. H. Carroll, J. B. Tidwell... believed?"

"I am of the persuasion that most Baptists do" still hold such beliefs, he said in his office at the Criswell Center. "But I am also of the persuasion that a very large contingency in significant denominational posts do not in fact believe that any longer."

In the interview he declined to identify those "in significant denominational posts" or any of the seminary or college professors he charges are not teaching according to his "historic" Baptist beliefs.

"Our objective has never been to get anybody fired," he said. But he acknowledged that has happened in the past when similar charges have been made.

Their "preference" is twofold, he said — first to see genuine revival sweep all SBC agencies so the "historical" beliefs that have characterized Southern Baptists could "manifest" themselves and second that those who hold views contrary to those beliefs voluntarily go elsewhere.

For now, he said, the matter is in the hands of the trustees of the SBC institutions and agencies.

The effort to determine election of the SBC president is aimed at ensuring future boards of trustees agree with the Patterson position. The SBC president appoints not only the committee on resolutions but also the committee on committees which names the committee on boards, which nominates trustees. The trustees then are elected by the convention.

Patterson told the April 3 meeting that they could depend on Adrian Rogers naming a committee on committees sympathetic to their views. Explaining that statement in the April 14 interview, he said he was referring to Rogers' reply to a reporter shortly after his election that he would not knowingly appoint anybody to any committee who was not completely solid in his confidence in the Scriptures, the infallibility of the Bible.

He said he had not seen Rogers' nominations and has tried to avoid discussing convention matters with him, because he didn't want to place an "albatross around his neck in me and whatever I was doing."

Rogers, contacted in Memphis, said he knew nothing of the current political moves, dissociated himself with him, and said he was "amazed and mildly disappointed" at the news.

He said he was almost through with his committee nominations, and that he would always try to name persons to committees who believed in the integrity of the Scriptures. "That is

where I have been all my life, Paige Patterson notwithstanding. And I don't think anybody would want me to do otherwise," he added.

He said he was unaware of Drake's involvement with the organization effort, that his only knowledge of him was that he was a member of First Baptist Church, Dallas, was a former chairman of deacons there and "loved the Lord."

Patterson also told the April 3 meeting that Harold C. Bennett, SBC Executive Committee executive secretary-treasurer, could "be depended on." He explained he had met with Bennett to explain what they were doing, seeking whatever advice or warning Bennett might have.

"By 'he could be depended on,' I meant he could be depended on theologically," Patterson said later. "Dr. Bennett has reaffirmed not only to me personally but also on television and elsewhere his total confidence in the Scriptures. He is a man of absolute and undying integrity. I have never seen anything in him that would give any reason to suspect anything other than total integrity."

It would be erroneous to imply Bennett had encouraged him or his efforts, he said. "He was very neutral, as a good executive probably should have been."

Bennett confirmed he had met on March 6 with Patterson in Bennett's office in Nashville. It was his understanding that Patterson had meant his group intended to elect an SBC president for five consecutive two-year terms, he said, but he said he tried to be neutral in the matter, giving neither encouragement nor warning.

"I have tried to listen to whoever calls and wants to talk to me," he said. "Patterson said he would favor no change in the 1983 statement of Baptist Faith and Message and knew of no movement among his friends or followers to accomplish it."

"I wouldn't change the 1963 statement myself," he said. "I am perfectly happy with it because, as you know, it says the Bible contains truth without mixture of error."

"Whether you say inerrant or truth without mixture of error for its matter is inconsequential. In fact, our whole deal is not the necessity for changing the statement of faith. Our whole concern is to not continue to make a mockery of it. Let's admit what it means, which, of course, was done by both Herschel Hobbs and Wayne Dehoney at the Houston convention. They said what was meant by the writers."

Hobbs, chairman of the committee that drafted the statement, and Dehoney, pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky., both stated in Houston they felt the writers of the statement held to the inerrancy of the

original autographs — the actual writings of the prophets and apostles — when they drafted the "truth without any mixture of the error for its matter" portion of the statement on Scriptures.

"We are not running a candidate. We are concerned Baptists, and if that is politics then what state paper editors do when they write is also politics. Any time an editor editorializes he is in politics. He is giving his viewpoint and he has an entree to the people that even pastors don't have," Patterson said.

Of those pastors, he said at the April 3 meeting, "Let's face it, most lack the courage to deal with the problem." In the interview later he said he probably should have said "many pastors" instead of "most pastors," however. "When you are talking to a group you don't always say exactly what you want to say," he explained.

But he said that his investigations over the last few months had led him to believe that in the eyes of many pastors the convention has become "big brother."

"And I would not hesitate to say that many pastors fall into one of two categories. Either they have not investigated for themselves and out of a false sort of loyalty refused to investigate, do not want to know or don't want to be bothered with it."

"Or they know it and understand it and have admitted to us they see it and understand it and yet do not have the courage to stand up for it."

He doesn't find such problems among laymen, he said.

"We have found that when a layman has it put in front of him and he looks at it, he says, 'Oh, my goodness.' He is not trying to go to a new pastorate. He is going to be right where he is from now on," Patterson said.

The laymen also control the money, he noted. "And apparently that is the only thing some folks understand," implying laymen who support SBC programs, especially those who are big givers, can get things done when others cannot.

Patterson expressed his love for the convention and said he intends to stay with it.

"I love our Southern Baptist people and think we are — as far as I can tell — the best opportunity this old world has for hearing the gospel before Jesus comes."

"My commitment is to stay and to love it and work for it and I will do that whether or not I am accepted by leadership or rejected by leadership. It won't make any difference."

"I have done what I have done without antagonism and with love for everybody. And if God will help me I intend to keep it that way."

R-TV Commission Heard On 3,217 Stations In U.S.

SBC, Radio-TV Sunday is May 18. Churches are urged to write the Radio-Television Commission, 6350 West Freeway, Fort Worth, Texas 76150, for free materials which enhance the Radio-TV Sunday observance. This year's theme is "Support Comes in Many Ways."

Bulletin inserts describing how God has worked with Baptists through the Radio and Television Commission; clip art suitable for reprinting in bulletins featuring Baptist radio and television programs; and a sermon outline offered for consideration as a sermon topic on May 18, are available.

The world's largest producer of religious programming for public service time, the Radio-Television Commission has seven major radio and four television programs heard 4,300 times a week on 3,217 stations.

Church members can help keep these programs on the air by calling

local radio and television stations and thanking station personnel for running the shows.

The Commission has provided one minute at the beginning and end of some shows, such as "The Baptist Hour," and "Powerline," for churches to advertise their ministries. By using that time, churches promote Radio-Television Commission programs and their own services.

This two-way support is the principle behind the Radio-Television Commission's work with local churches. The Commission is helping many churches use the broadcast media in their own way to spread the gospel. It wants to help more churches.

"God is trying to bring about a spiritual awakening in this world, and the broadcast medium is the catalytic factor," said Commission president Jimmy R. Allen. "The local churches are the major resources of Southern Baptists, so it is our job to help them utilize to the fullest extent the media of mass communication."

The broadcast engineering and broadcast services departments of the Radio-Television Commission work closely with churches involved in or interested in broadcasting.

Broadcasting engineering consultants travel to all parts of the country to design and supervise the installation or improvement of church sound and lighting systems for broadcasting worship services.

Producers in the broadcast services department consult with churches wanting assistance in producing spot announcements. These announcements can accomplish anything the church needs from telling about various ministries to introducing a new pastor to relating the meaning of God's love.

Broadcast services producers also offer their assistance to associations, Southern Baptist Convention agencies and state conventions.

The Radio-Television Commission intends to increase its assistance to churches in the future, Allen said. Although the Commission will continue to nurture its existing relationship with national television and radio networks and work closely with the Southern Baptist mission and education agencies, the bulk of its future programming lies with the local church, Allen indicated.

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at the Baptist Seminary in Ruschlikon/Zurich and clinical work in Kentucky and Mississippi.

In addition to student pastorates in Texas and Kentucky, Hubbell served as pastor of the North Anderson Baptist Church, Anderson, S.C. He has also conducted short term courses at Anderson College and at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Hubbell and his wife, Beth, have three children.

Tornado Kills Baptist, Destroys Pastors' Homes

The tornado that touched down in Magee Friday evening, April 25, killed Bobby Poole, 41, a member of Cost Baptist Church. Poole, whose home was also destroyed, was the only casualty.

The roof and steeple of Beulah Baptist Church in Magee was damaged and the pastorium, where M. L. Wallace lives, was extensively damaged, according to Glen Schilling, Simpson County director of missions. Wallace's daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Runnels, had their trailer destroyed.

And minor damage was done to the

home of Barney Padgett, pastor of Pine Grove Baptist Church in Magee.

Lester McNair, pastor of Thornhill Baptist Church in Rankin County, who lives in Magee, lost "everything" according to Juanita Schilling, wife of Glen Schilling. "It was one of those miracles," she said. McNair, his wife and daughter laid down on the carpet, the wind wrapped it around them and when they got up there was not another thing in the trailer, "not a piece of clothes," added Mrs. Schilling.

Schilling said that a number of other Baptist homes suffered damage by the tornado.

Kelly Named State Chairman For Southern Baptist Encyclopedia

NASHVILLE — Earl Kelly, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, is the chairman for Mississippi in the production of Volume IV of the Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists.

As state chairman, Kelly will be responsible for selection of topics for inclusion in the projected volume and for appointment of writers.

Volume IV of the Encyclopedia is scheduled for publication by Broadman in 1982. It will include about 1,200 articles prepared by some 900 writers. The managing editor is Lynn E. May, Jr., executive director, Historical Commission, SBC.

Volumes I, II, and III are available at Baptist Book Stores.

Rural Church Called Intimate, Informal

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as my family works to wash the car and get the grass mowed on Saturday."

He noted an intimacy in the rural church, "a kind of caring," he said that is special there. He explained that this intimacy "could breed a kind of exclusiveness," recalling a woman telling him she was a newcomer to the community, having moved there thirty years ago.

Sapp noted that rural ministers need to be "sensitive to the informal way things get done." He recalled one church treasurer who was a church leader, refused to give financial reports to the church. Sapp asked why and he replied that "if people knew how much they had (in the treasury) they wouldn't give."

Evangelistic implications, Sapp said, include the fact that men are more under-represented in the rural church than in the urban one. And that "men will respond when they hear how the gospel applies to their lives on Monday, Tuesday..."

Other segments of the conference sponsored by the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, which was one of two experimental sessions at Blue Mountain and at Clarke College, in cooperation with the Mississippi Christian Action Commission, included a Christian perspective on the family farm, the biblical basis of applying the gospel, and the relationships between evangelism and Christian social action.

David Currie, a Texas farmer and pastor of First Baptist Church, Mason, population, 1,963, spoke on the importance of preserving the family farm. He had done research for the Christian Life Commission on the moral dimensions of agriculture.

He said that 65 percent of Southern Baptist churches are in communities of under 2,500 population, "the backbone of our denomination. Yet, the family farm is declining. In 1945 there were six million farmers. Today

there are only 2.7 million, with only 1.7 million of these considered commercial farms of at least \$2,500 gross income.

He said consolidation changes farming operations. Today, he said, only six percent of the farmers make 51 percent of total sales, and 13 percent of the people control 70 percent of the land.

Messengers to the 1979 Southern Baptist Convention in Houston, Tex., passed a resolution, written by Currie, supporting "the family farm as a vital part of the food production system."

Currie said cost-price squeezes, government programs, and advanced technology are forcing family farmers out of business. He said 2,000 farmers go broke every week.

For the local church, he suggested conducting Bible studies on stewardship of the land, preaching on ethical issues, including nutrition, and supporting World Hunger Day this August 6.

He said his church will have a harvest festival this fall, with members bringing in what they make their livelihood from. Also, "think about letting farmers sell produce on the church parking lot." He said prices could be lower, and produce would be fresher, plus the church would be integrally involved in helping the farmer

market his crops.

Charles Myers, pastor of Alta Woods Baptist Church in Jackson, spoke to the rural preachers on the biblical base of applying the gospel.

"The same gospel that talks about salvation by grace also says a cup of cool water in my name," said Myers. "I believe a half gospel is a dangerous thing, no matter which half you have."

Myers surveyed the Bible on applying the gospel, quoting from Psalms, Isaiah, Micah, and through the gospels, Paul's letters, James', and John's writings. When Jesus was asked by John the Baptist if he really was the Messiah, Jesus' reply told him what he'd been doing, said Myers. In the list of works, "every one but the last deals with the physical needs of man," said Myers.

He recounted Jesus' story of the inheritance to come. The ones who fed the hungry, and clothed the naked, "did it because it was the natural things to do," said Myers. "So it's natural that when they were given credit," they didn't remember doing it, Myers said.

John Wood, program development director for the Christian Life Commission, spoke on evangelism and Christian social action's relationship. He outlined four ways people look at

this relationship. One view, he said, notes no relationship. Others indicate social action's point is to win a hearing for the gospel message. Said Wood, "If I understand the ministry of Christ, it meant that to him, people were primary. What he did for people was not a part of salesmanship to get them to look at some other product."

Wood said others see social concern and action as an outgrowth, or a consequence of evangelism. And still another view says "that there are no distinctions in the work of the ministry."

He added, "it emphasizes that social action becomes merely do-goodism when it is divorced from a warm passion for the souls of men and the cause of Christ." He concluded, "On the other hand, evangelism deteriorates easily into escapism and mere talk when it is divorced from a warm and genuine social passion in Christ's name."

At Carey

Winter Will Deliver Commencement Address

Gov. William Winter will give the keynote address for the commencement exercises of William Carey College on Saturday, May 3, as almost 300 graduates receive degrees.

During the commencement exercises, the college will bestow upon Winter the honorary doctor of laws degree.

Also honored will be Alexander Giacco, president and chief executive officer of Hercules, Inc., who will be awarded the honorary doctor of business administration degree.

Hercules, Inc., is a national corporation which has a large plant in Hattiesburg.

Prior to the commencement exer-

cises, Winter and Giacco will be honored with a luncheon to which more than 300 dignitaries have been invited.

According to the Carey president, Ralph Noonkester, college officials have asked Winter and Giacco "to share in this first commencement of the new decade because we recognize the interrelationship between education, government and industry. As we face the problems of our times, colleges must realize their responsibility in training young leaders who are knowledgeable, perceptive, open-minded, and morally strong. We have chosen especially to honor these two men because we feel they are exemplary of these very qualities."

Speakers' Tournament Is Designed To Stimulate Christian Growth

The Youth Speakers' Tournament is an excellent opportunity for older youths (grades 10-12) to develop skill and confidence in expressing their Christian commitment verbally.

Each participant should be an active member of a Church Training youth group. The tournament is designed to stimulate Christian growth.

Preparation helps and rules for speech writing and delivery can be found in the leaflet Youth Speakers' Tournament 1980, available from the

Mississippi Church Training department.

Young people are asked to begin preparation and attend the Youth Speakers' Tournament on May 10, 10 a.m., at Broadmoor Church, Jackson. At the tournament groups of less than ten will be judged to determine a finalist. The two top winners of each group will be judged and an overall winner will be selected.

The three alternates will be invited to a Gulfshore Baptist Assembly Youth Conference. The Church Training department will pay cost (no travel expense).

The overall winner will have the opportunity to represent the state at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center, Glorieta, N.M. during the week of July 26-August 1, 1980.

The Church Training department will reimburse travel expenses and conference costs of the representative. The parents and/or church of the state winner are totally responsible for providing transportation to and from Glorieta and for providing an adult counselor for the speaker as required by the conference center.

Senior Adult Retreat To Offer Variety of Topics

The symposium projected for two general conference periods during Senior Adult Retreat III at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly in August offers an attractive variety of subjects.

This retreat is scheduled August 18-22 and features Guy and Lois Henderson, Graham Hales, Jane Stearns, and Ann Rushing.

One general conference period brings an outstanding specialist to the retreat for one presentation each of the three mornings.

Stearns will be discussing "The Quality of Life During Our Later Years." Hales will lead a general conference on the subject on which he has written for several years in "Mature Living" magazine, "Grey Hair and Green Thumbs." Ann Rushing will use as her topic "Economizing in the Grocery Store."

Huey Perry Will Speak To Chaplains

Mississippi Baptist chaplains are holding a retreat May 2-3 at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly in Pass Christian.

Their featured speaker this year will be Huey Perry, associate director of the Division of Chaplaincy at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

The weekend begins at 4:30 p.m., May 2 with fellowship time and ends with lunch at noon the next day.

Officers in the organization are president, William A. Clark, chaplain, Brigadier General, USAF, (Ret); vice president, Chaplain, Colonel, Lonnie W. Knight, US Army, (Ret); and secretary, Grace Lovelace.

Natchez Is Site For Bi-State Renewal Meet

Emory Wallace and William Clemmons are among featured speakers for the Louisiana-Mississippi Renewal Conference, May 16-17 at the Ramada Inn, Hilltop, at Natchez.

Wallace is pastor of First Church, DeRidder, La., Clemmons is on the religious education faculty at Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C. Wallace will speak in training con-

ferences on the pastor's role in renewal. Clemmons will speak on groups in the church.

Other training sessions at the conference include youth renewal in the church, body life activities, lay evangelism training, and mission opportunities for the laity.

David Causey of Norcross, Ga., and co-director of Master Media, a visual production company, will lead the music.

Beth Lord, who works in the sheriff's department in Alexandria, La., will be leading sessions on youth renewal.

Wilma Wolf, wife of the associate pastor of Raleigh Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn. will be doing solo presentations in music, and work with Beth Lord in youth renewal work.

Findley Edge and David Haney are also among featured speakers. Edge is on the faculty of Southern Seminary. Haney has just been named director of the Baptist Men's Division of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission.

Paul Harrell, state Brotherhood director for Mississippi, and Calvin Campbell, his counterpart for Louisiana Baptists, will co-host the meeting. Further information is available from Harrell at Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205.

Attention: Secretaries

The Mississippi church secretaries' conference is set for May 5-6 at the Baptist Building in Jackson.

Featured speakers will be Margaret Huggins and Joan McDonough. A meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Secretaries' Association will take place during the conference.

For more information, contact, Leon Emery, at 354-3704 in Jackson.

Church Recreation Leaders Will Meet August 13-16

The Church Recreation Leadership Conference is set for Aug. 13-16 at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly.

Worship leaders will be Chester Swor and Bill Bacon. Swor, Mississippi lecturer and author, will be featured speaker. Bacon, minister of music at First Church, Clinton, will be music leader. His wife Martha will be

organist and pianist. Tom Prather, minister of activities at Woodland Hills Church, Jackson, and president of the Mississippi Baptist Recreation Association is conference program director.

John Bewley, minister of activities at Broadmoor Church, Jackson, will be a featured fellowship leader.

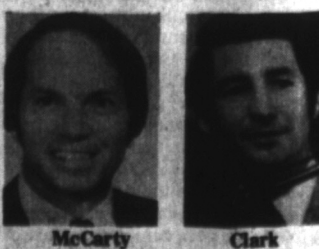
Sessions at the conference include "Function of a Church Recreation Council or Committee" to be led by Bill Sessions of the Sunday School Board's Church recreation department; and "Social Recreation" by Sarah Walton Miller of Houston, Tex., a drama specialist. Other sessions include "Organizing Church Camping and Retreat Programs," led by John LaNoue, of the Sunday School Board, and sessions led by Jan Cossitt, youth and activities director at Morrison Heights Church, Clinton; Paul Lee, activities and youth minister at Calvary Church, Tupelo; Glenn Shows, minister of activities at First Church, Clinton; and David Rogers, minister of activities, First Church, Graceville.

Other topics will include associational recreation program, role of the pastor in church recreation, developing a physical fitness program, and drama in the church.

Mississippi Baptist Activities

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| May 4-11 | Christian Home Week (CAC Emphasis) |
| May 4 | Senior Adult Day (CT Emphasis/SBC) |
| May 5 | WMU Special Day |
| May 5-6 | Sunday School Teaching & Growth Conferences, 7:00-9:30 p.m. |
| | 5-FBC, McComb |
| | 6-Calvary, Meridian |
| May 5-6 | Church Secretaries' Conference, Baptist Building, Jackson, 12:30 p.m., 5th-11:45 a.m., 6th (CAPM) |
| May 10 | Selection Tournament Youth Bible Drill, Broadmoor, Jackson, 2:00 p.m. (CT) |
| May 10 | Youth Speakers' Tournament Preliminary Round, Broadmoor, Jackson, 2:00 p.m. (CT) |

McCarty, Clark To Help Provide "Skill Luster For Church Staff"



McCarty



Clark

The pastor/church staff conference, this summer at Gulfshore has been titled "Skill Luster for Church Staff," by Leon Emery, who leads the Church Administration/Pastoral Ministries department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The conference takes place July 7-9. Phil McCarty, in the religious education department at Mississippi College will be featured speaker. Bill Clark, will lead the music.

The conference is for all church staffers, including sessions this year for the first time for church hostesses. Families of staffers are invited to participate. Special sessions will be held for wives of staff members.

A program for pre-schoolers, children and youths of those attending the conference is being planned by Mrs. Jim Keith of Gulfport.

Marvin Myers of the Sunday School Board's church administration department, will talk on "How to Live With Inflation."

For reservations, write Frank Simmons, Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Henderson Point, Pass Christian, Miss., 39571. Enclose reservation deposit of \$15 for each person age two and older.

For conference information, write Leon Emery, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205.

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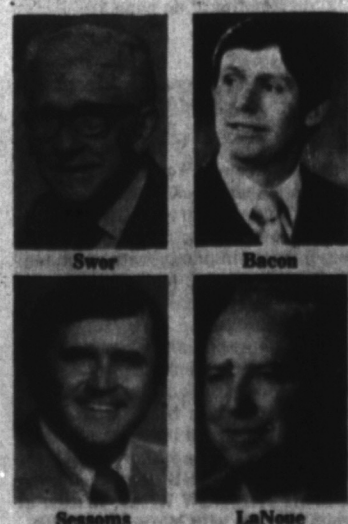
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Editorials

On Barbados

Mission visit is delightful

A visit to Barbados turned up a person already familiar to Mississippi Baptists and now to Baptists all over the nation. She is Amandy Ramdeen, a young woman of Indian descent who is a native of Trinidad. She is 22.

Her grandparents migrated from India to Trinidad, and Amandy's home is Port of Spain. Amandy, a student at Barbados Baptist College, was invited to visit the churches of the Mississippi Gulf Coast in August, and it was a very happy experience. Now she also has been featured in the March issue of The Commission magazine of the Foreign Mission Board.

Amandy has been at Barbados Baptist College almost two years now. She was the first female student at the college, a situation that broke somewhat with her family's background in Hinduism. Hindu girls seldom go to college.

For the Ramdeen family it was not all that much of a departure, for Amandy's father, who had been a Port of Spain taxi driver, was the first of the family to accept Christ. That made Amandy's opportunities come a lot easier. Her family was happy for her to have the opportunity of visiting other Christians in the United States.

Ramdeen now owns his own taxi service.

Most of the Ramdeen family problems have come from other family members and neighbors who do not understand their decision to become Christians. It has been a much harder row for another young woman of Indian descent from Trinidad who is now also a student at the college. She is Dhanmatie Deonrine. Of 13 children in the family, only she, a sister, and a brother are Christians. The parents are not. Her brother has to sneak his clothes out of the house and go some-

where else to dress for church, she says.

Though the conditions at home greatly concern this 29-year-old young woman, she is very happy in her new found life in Christ. She is in her first year as a student at Barbados Baptist College. There are three Trinidadians in the 12-member student body. As is the case with all of them, Amandy and Dhanmatie need sponsors. Their families are poor, and the tuition and living expenses are \$150 per month. The college likes for the students to work for \$50 of that, but the other \$100 must be furnished by or for the students.

The remainder of the student body is made up of two from Grenada, one from St. Vincent, three from Barbados, one from Antigua, one from St. Kitts, and one from Tortola. Missionary Bill Womack is the chief administrator of this beautiful college, which occupies a former plantation in sight of the Atlantic Ocean. Womack and his wife, Elba, have been stationed there for seven years. The dean of the school, Wayne Dunn, and his family have been there since December.

The school serves the Baptist churches in all of the Caribbean area.

Four other missionary families are making a big impact in that West Indian area. One of them, Phil Overton, was the first to arrive on the island of Dominica with building material following Hurricane David last August. He is maintenance engineer for the college. Sue Overton is a nurse and is working in church and home evangelism on the island.

Charles Hook is a dentist from South Carolina on a four-year assignment. The Hooks arrived about the same time as the Duns. The way had already been paved for his dental work

by a one-year, special project dentist from New Mexico, Tom Cable. Hook and Cable have been operating a dental clinic at the college as well as moving all over the island with a mobile clinic equipped in a large pick-up camper. The mobile unit was a gift from Thomas Orme of Virginia.

The Jerry Harris family was on furlough when Paul Harrell, Mississippi Brotherhood director, and I visited the island.

Barbados is a beautiful island. It is formed of coral rather than of volcanic mountains, and its temperature is a pleasant one from a low of about 65 degrees to a high of about 85 degrees. It is 21 miles long and 14 miles wide. Its population of 250,000 gives it about 1,000 persons per square mile and makes it one of the most densely populated areas in the world.

The Sunday Paul and I were there, the Barbados Baptist Convention met. We didn't have opportunity to stay for many of the festivities, for we had to leave for Dominica. There are four churches on the island. The Immanuel Church in Bridgetown has about 300 members. Bethany Church at Mile and a Quarter has about 75 members, and Bethany Church at Speightstown has about 60 members. People's Church at Six Roads, where the convention met has about 40 members.

Almost all of the Baptists on the island came to the convention, many of them arriving in buses, singing as they rode and accompanying themselves on tambourines. The students at the college take an active part in church life on the island and all attended the convention.

A very fortunate occurrence for Paul and me on Saturday night was to be privileged to attend the 14th birthday

party of Chris Dunn. All of the missionaries turned out.

While Paul and I were visiting the college, two couples from Missouri were on hand to remodel the front porch of the main building into a reading room for the library. Probably one of the greatest needs for the college is the right kind of books, Womack said. The students also need books, he noted, as do the churches. Certain types of study course books would be welcomed, he said. They would be those books designed for study of books of the Bible such as study course books on Ephesians, Hosea, Job, and others. The college address is Barbados Baptist College, Fortescue, St. Philip, Barbados, West Indies. Fortescue was the name of the plantation where the college is located.

Paul and I got to see the island in all of its beauty due to the hospitality of the college. On Saturday morning Dhanmatie took us on a walking tour to the ocean and through a village. On Saturday afternoon we were escorted all around the island by Womack. A rare privilege is to eat Kentucky Fried Chicken on a beach of the Atlantic Ocean in the West Indies.

At the college the milking shed has been turned into the boys dormitory, and the hog barn is now the chapel. The girls live in the main building upstairs. The dental clinic is located on the campus.

Black-bellied sheep are a major factor at the college. Upon graduation each student is given a pair. He takes them to his new area and strengthens his herd. Black-bellied sheep have two litters a year and multiple births. They help the economy greatly.

A missionary visit to the beautiful island of Barbados is a delightful and rewarding experience. —DTM



Amandy Ramdeen of Trinidad sits under one of the large trees on the front lawn of the main building at Barbados Baptist College.



Dentist Charles Hook checks for the next patient as the mobile dental clinic sits outside Bethany Baptist Church in Speightstown.



Missionary Bill Womack chats with one of his friends at Bethany Baptist Church, Mile and a Quarter. (More pictures are on p. 5.)

Radio and television . . .

Inauguration service is impressive

Sometime back I attended the inauguration of Jimmy Allen as president of the Radio and Television Commission. It was a simple but impressive service.

It was particularly interesting to me because of the participation of people I have known for a long time as friends.

Jimmy Allen himself I have watched since he was pastor in the small town of Allen in Texas. He went from there to Wills Point, and I got acquainted with him when he moved to the Cockrell Hill Baptist Church in that suburb of Dallas. He went to the Texas Christian Life Commission as associate secretary and then became the executive secretary. He left that post to become the pastor of First Church, San Antonio. Of the many conversations I have had with Jimmy, the one I remember most vividly concerned my decision many years ago of whether or not I should stay in the Baptist state paper field.

The charge was delivered by Bill Pinson, now president of Golden Gate Seminary. What an interesting career

he has been to watch. I first met him when I was a reporter on the staff of the Baptist Standard in Texas and he was president of the Baptist Student Union at North Texas State University. He was known to be outstanding in that capacity, and I went up to interview him. He was a ministerial student in a state university and selling Fuller brushes to pay his way.

Following his seminary graduation he joined the staff of the Texas Christian Life Commission when Allen was the secretary, and then became a part of the seminary faculty. From there he became the pastor of First Church, Wichita Falls, and then president of Golden Gate Seminary. For a period he was interim pastor of my church in Dallas.

Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the SBC Christian Life Commission was on the program. When we were both students at Baylor on Sunday evenings after church we would both be a part of a gathering at the home of a couple of spinster sisters just off the campus. This was more years ago than

either of us want to remember. He was the secretary of the Christian Life Commission in Texas who brought in Allen as associate secretary.

I always enjoy trips to the Radio and Television Commission, infrequent though they are. I majored in radio in college and had intended to be a radio news writer. Since there were no such jobs I began to take journalism, and the direction of my life was cast. I worked for a radio station in Midland, Texas, for a period and still enjoy the radio atmosphere.

There are a number of friends in the agency. A Mississippian is Bonita Sparrow, vice-president. Through the years in Texas I came to know Clarence Duncan, another vice-president, quite well. Bob Thornton of the staff came to Mississippi to make the movie, "The Whale that Came to Mississippi."

In California I came to know John Cobb Smith. He now works in Fort Worth.

And it was a delight to see two friends in Fort Worth who are elected

members of the Radio and Television Commission. One is John Roberts, editor of the South Carolina paper. The other is Robin Mathis, one of the partners in radio station WCPC in Houston, Miss. I visited the commission meeting for a while and was introduced to the body by Mathis. His comments about the Record were generous and appreciated.

Two other program personalities were Harold Bennett, executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee, whom I have known since he was my parents' pastor in Texarkana, and a Mississippian, Grady Cothen, president of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Another Mississippian, Lewis Myers, was supposed to have represented the Foreign Mission Board, but his plane failed to make connections. He was there for the fellowship that followed the program.

It was a brief but enjoyable trip. I feel the commission members were wise in their selection of Jimmy Allen as president. —DTM

Missions For Mormons

Editor:

Again I must say "Thank you, Southern Baptists everywhere, for sending Home Missionary T. T. Reynolds to Stafford, Arizona, to bring me to Jesus."

Without your prayers and your gifts through Home Missions and the Cooperative Program I would still be lost in the darkest of darkness; still believing that all minds or intelligences were "once co-equal and co-

eternal with God" the Father and one day could be co-equal with Him again in every way. "Elohim is God simply because all these intelligences honor and sustain Him as such. The present exalted position was gradually built up. . . If he should ever do anything to violate the confidence or 'sense of justice' of these intelligences, they would promptly withdraw their support, and the power of God would disintegrate. . . He would cease to be God."

Skousen, The First 2,000 Years, pp. 354-5.

The God of Mormonism was born a human, helpless, burping baby — just like me. By strict obedience to Mormon "Gospel Requirements" he advanced to Godhood and so could all Mormons, especially my great grandfather John D. Lee, because he had 19 wives and 64 children.

Because of you and Home Missions I no longer believe Mormon doctrines that:

Jesus just happened to be the "first born" in heaven to God and one of His many wives and the Only Begotten in the flesh when God the Father with a resurrected body of flesh and bones returned to earth, married and "overshadowed" Mary and caused her to conceive the child Jesus.

Jesus is "merely one of God's sons." Lucifer was the "second born in heaven." He could have been the Saviour if he had "concocted" a better plan than Jesus.

Jesus was "privileged" to come in the "Meridian of time," receive a body so that He could follow all the Mormon "gospel requirements," including temple marriages to any women, live "to see His own seed" (children). Then and only then could He say, "It is finished," go back to heaven, resur-

rect His wives, continue procreating children, and become a God.

But now by God's grace and the heavenly ordained Home Mission Program I am a sinner saved by grace and no longer a Latter-day Saint. No longer do I sing of a Heavenly Mother who conceived and bore my spirit in heaven so that I, too, through Mormonism could become a Goddess, a queen in heaven.

But thank you, God, and thank you, Southern Baptists, I truly do now have a mother there. My own dear Mormon Mama, because of our Home Mission plan, learned to repent, love, and trust Jesus and has gone on to be with Jesus, leaving me to share our thanks and our testimonies and to remind you that four million more Mormons need Jesus.

God bless you as you consider that Jesus died for the Mormons the same as He died for Baptists. Let's covenant again to boldly go and sacrificially give that our beloved homeland be brought to Jesus.

Thelma Geer
San Simon, Ariz.

Music Accomplishments

Editor:

Let me express my personal congratulations to Mississippi Baptists for reporting a church music enrollment increase of 2,906 for 1979.

This is a tremendous accomplishment and represents a percentage growth of 3.4 percent as compared to 2.9 percent for the SBC.

What a tribute this is to the aliveness of the music programs in our churches. Surely a major factor in this favorable response is the fine leadership in church music in Mississippi

provided by Dan Hall and the state music department.

This also reveals the evidence of strong leadership in the churches. Throughout the SBC there were 1,170 more churches reporting music enrollment in 1979 than in 1978. 1,030 of these new churches have memberships of less than 400. That's tremendous to have this growth in the small churches.

Congratulations to Mississippi! Congratulations to Dan Hall!

William J. Reynolds
Nashville, Tenn.

Association Minutes

Editor:

One of the most keenly felt responsibilities of the Serials Division of Fleming Library, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, is its role as a repository for Baptist documents and data. In order to obtain a complete collection, we are requesting all the associations of your readership to place us on their annual minutes mailing list. If each association could send us just one copy of their minutes each year, future generations of Baptists will be able to get a complete picture of Baptist life from our files. Please send the minutes to:

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Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Bob And Nicki Williams

At our house, from 6 to 7 a.m., while we are having a wake-up cup of coffee, or a bite of breakfast, W. D. and I like to watch Channel 12's "Mississippi Morning." It's a wholesome show, a good one to start the day by.

Nicki Williams, the attractive red-haired hostess, often interviews Christians who serve in various types of ministries. Last week one day her guest was Clebe McClary, Vietnam veteran who was to speak at First Church, Jackson. Second Wednesdays of each month she has a Baptist Book Store representative review a choice book.

I had been a fan of Nicki's for quite a while before I learned that she and her husband Bob share in an evangelism ministry that utilizes chalk art, music, puppet, drama, and personal testimonies. Sometimes she sings as she illustrates a Bible lesson in chalk, or they may sing together.

Bob and Nicki are members of First Baptist Church, Jackson. Their pastor, Frank Pollard, said of them: "Our Lord has saved, sharpened, and shepherded the ministry of this couple. Their testimonies and talents have inspired our church family."

When Nicki phoned to tell me about speaking engagements they had at Daniel Memorial Church and at Co-Lin Junior College, I asked if I might visit at their home, 257 Springfield Circle, Jackson, for an interview, and was delighted when she said yes.

Neither, they told me, is a Mississippi native. She was born in Texas and he in Louisiana. A former race car driver, he now spends four days a week in New Orleans as a student at New Orleans Seminary. His dad was a railroad employee, a member of the Louisiana legislature, and an active Baptist.

Before they were wed, each had been divorced and each had four chil-



dren by their previous marriage. Both state that they feel that God has forgiven them for past mistakes and that He has called them to His service. "We have the assurance that He can use us and if He can use us, He can use anyone," she said. "We had tried, ourselves, to make something of our lives, but had ended with failure and guilt. Then God took the smashed bits and pieces and mended them."

"I continue to be amazed," she added, "when people come and say they have been inspired by what I said. I remember particularly a service not long ago when I shared some of my personal experiences and told how God has touched and healed our lives. When I began, I really didn't know exactly what I was going to say. God just took over my words. I felt that members of the congregation, as well as I, were aware of the Holy Spirit's presence. Spontaneously, the pastor stood and gave an invitation to those who wanted to make decisions."

Angel On A Bus.

For much of his life, tall, darkhaired Bob dreamed of becoming a top racing

(Continued on page 5)

Book Reviews

HOW MANY MOUNTAINS? by Russell S. Schultz with Willetta J. Balls (Broadman, 141 pp., \$4.95) This inspiring story of Russell Schultz, who was born a spastic, is a story of the victory of the human spirit over obstacles, misunderstandings, and prejudice. Schultz designed 11 small tricycle-like cars, to propel himself about the town and countryside. One that didn't have a reverse gear got him into trouble. Dangers, though, didn't defeat him. He found love and romance, and even worked as an undercover agent to break up narcotics sales. He and his wife Kathy live in a double garage apartment, and enjoy bowling and chess.

SPLINTERS IN MY PRIDE by Marilee Zdenek (Word Books, \$8.95). This is a tender book, a combination of poetry and photographs that complement each other. Marilee Zdenek writes with simplicity, with emotional honesty, capturing feelings that most people have known. Her faith in God is woven through the text. Her poems and photographs show beauty, wisdom, humor, and sometimes pain. She captures childhood memories and transforms them into valuable insights. This is a book to be bought and treasured. The author's first book was **GOD IS A VERB!** Her second was **CATCH THE NEW WIND**, written in collaboration with Marge Champion.

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"Willingness To Seek and Give Forgiveness Is Prerequisite To Christian Marriage"

This is the second of a series on religious faith in marriage by R. Jack Follis. Follis is chaplain director in the department of pastoral services at East Mississippi State Hospital, Meridian.

A graduate of Sam Houston State University, he earned the master of theology, master of religious education, specialist in education and doctor of education with a major in psychology and counseling all from New Orleans Seminary. He serves on New Orleans' supplementary faculty.

He works part time as pastoral counselor for the Weems Community Mental Health Clinic in Meridian and is a member of several counseling and clinical pastoral associations.

With societal stresses on marriage and the family increasing apparently daily, the Baptist Record publishes this series with the hope that it will help to relieve some of that stress.

R. Jack Follis
The Word of God tells us about intimacy when it suggests that a man and woman who commit themselves to each other in marriage shall become "one flesh." For the Christian, this is one of the most meaningful statements that can be made about his marital relationship.

Becoming "one flesh" is a religious statement which may mean different things to different people. But it certainly suggests that intimacy is to be desired and sought. While the single individual chooses, at any given moment, whether or not he will be intimate with another person, the marriage relationship, by definition, indicates that both partners desire intimacy. Otherwise they would not be married. No one gets married with the intent to live alone.

Being intimate may also mean different things to different people. Yet three primary implications seem to emerge.

A primary presupposition is that each individual in the marriage has the ability to be autonomous. This means that each partner has the capacity to feel his own feelings. He has developed his own personhood to the extent that he is independent and secure. He has the emotional strength to leave his own mother and father and cleave to his mate. Paradoxically, he has the emotional ability to live unmarried, but chooses to live with his mate. Without this ability he cannot really choose "to be together" with someone else.

In the marital relationship itself, it means being able to allow distance between you and your spouse. One does

not "smother" the other by demanding his constant presence. He can acknowledge and accept his own need to be alone on occasions as well as allowing his partner to have her time of solitude. It means that I can allow my partner to be "away from me" when she needs to be.

Being intimate means that I can be close. I can allow myself to be physically touched by my mate. I not only allow it, but I encourage it. I want my mate to know the feel of me and I in return want to know the feel of her. While this kind of closeness has sexual connotations, it transcends sex. We have learned that sexual touching may or may not be intimacy.

Intimate touching communicates warmth, acceptance, and closeness. It gives pleasure and joy. It invites love. We all know that something very special happens when two people touch each other.

Being intimate means much more than autonomy and physical touching. It means that I allow myself to be known from the inside, from the areas that are deeper than skin and tissue. I allow my inner life to be shared and my internal frame of reference to be entered into and known. Only then can I experience my inner being as being shared, understood, and loved.

Apparently we are unable to easily and naturally relate at this depth (I suspect that Heaven may be just the opposite of this, i.e., we will be able to share our inner and deeper selves with each other and God). We have to strive and work for this quality of relationship. Because of our sin, this kind of "knowing" is risky and very costly. It cost God the life of his Son. It will cost

us much psychic energy and emotional investment.

While being intimate is difficult to achieve, it is worth the effort. Without it we are sentenced to loneliness and isolation. With it we reap the joy of sharing our personhood in which the "eternal me" is known. As a result we have the experience of living on a higher plane of life.

A frequent statement heard by many pastors and chaplains is "I will forgive but I will never forget." This cry usually comes out of anguish and pain.

When a spouse is injured by an unfaithful and selfish act of mistrust he may want to forgive and forget, but his hurt blocks him from assuming the kind of risk involved in really forgiving. Yet since the practice of both seeking forgiveness and giving forgiveness in marriage is essential and right, the attempt must be made again and again if necessary.

First, both mates must remember that asking for forgiveness, if it is sincere, is very difficult. The deed of mistrust must be brought to light, confessed, and repented.

The transgressor must repent of his wickedness and ask both God and his mate that the intent of his heart be given. This is necessary because when we hurt each other we also hurt God.

Seeking forgiveness is painful because the couple must remember together the wrong deed. Since they must confront it and talk about it, they will usually experience anger, hurt, sorrow, shame, and other feelings which leave them both emotionally upset and distraught.

In addition the wrongdoer must come to terms with his sin. He must rethink his feelings and behavior and decide to change. Only then may he experience the blessing of forgiveness.

Second, forgiving a mate who has broken the marriage trust is not easy. There is no easy forgiveness. It is risky and always costs something in terms of deep feelings.

Forgiving is not negative in which one mate grudgingly accepts the confession of the other and vows within his heart to hold the unfaithful act over his mate's head as an eternal threat. Rather, it is positive and affirming.

For example, in the Bible the word "forgive" is built on the same Greek root word for grace. It means to forgive freely and to pardon.

Forgetting has a place in forgiving. To forgive without forgetting means only to forgo resentment and bitterness. Only forgiveness which includes the willingness to forget can remove the barrier to reconciliation.

Finally, willingness to both seek and give forgiveness is prerequisite to Christian marriage. By definition, the Christian is one who is experiencing Jesus and knows himself to be a "forgiven sinner" with his sins forgotten and no longer held against him.

With the assurance of this relationship, he can risk himself to have a measure of the same attitude and disposition toward his mate that God has toward him. He can lay aside revenge and requital and allow the barrier to love to be removed and destroyed.

Then forgiveness will flow from his heart and joy will find a home in the marriage.

Pollard To Address Clarke Graduates

A. C. Johnson, president of Clarke College, has announced that Frank Pollard, pastor of First Church, Jackson, will be the commencement speaker for Clarke College at its May 8 graduation exercises, at First Church, Newton, at 3 p.m.

Pollard was born and educated in Texas. He received the Bachelor of Business Administration from Texas A & M University and the Bachelor of Divinity from Southwestern Seminary. In 1976 he was granted the Doc-

tor of Divinity degree from Mississippi College.

He is the host of "At Home With The Bible," a weekly television program received in all 50 states. In 1979 "At Home With The Bible" was awarded "Best Christian Television Program of the Year" by the National Broadcasters Association. In December, 1979, Pollard was named by the editors and correspondents of Time magazine as one of the seven "stars of the pulpit" in the United States.

Missionaries Elect To Stay In Liberia

By Mary Jane Welch
MONROVIA, Liberia (BP) — Southern Baptist missionaries in Liberia decided to remain in the country and minister to the people during a meeting four days after a coup toppled the government of former President William R. Tolbert Jr.

The missionaries' action came in a called meeting after the government of new head of state Master Sgt. Samuel Doe, who led the coup, moved quickly to restore order and expressed a desire for foreigners to remain in the country.

Doe also declared April 19-26 a national week of prayer and called on all pastors and clergymen to lead their people in praying for peace and prosperity for Liberia, said Buddy Norville, Southern Baptist missionary in Monrovia.

Although missionaries were able to maintain short-wave radio contact with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board for several days following the coup, Norville's written report, dated April 19, was the first detailed account received at the board.

Tolbert had been president of the Liberia Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention Inc. and was pastor of Zion Praise Baptist Church in Bantol City, his hometown.

The April 12 coup caught everyone by surprise, said Norville. "The sound of gunfire in the early hours was the first indication that anything was taking place," he said.

Although the new government immediately took stern measures to control looting, including a dusk-to-dawn curfew, the missionaries remained in the country. "We are not leaving the campus of Liberia Baptist Theological Seminary, Paynesville City, April 13 and asked missionary Margaret Fairburn to give them the keys to two mission cars. Seminary President Bradley Brown, who lives nearby, talked them into taking only one car.

When neighbors reported that the men planned to return and rob the houses, missionaries at the seminary spent the night in the chapel. The following day, during a prayer meeting at the chapel, two carloads of soldiers searched the seminary for Tolbert's son, A. B. Tolbert. Missionaries continued their praise and worship service when the soldiers left.

Missionaries from throughout Liberia were in the Monrovia area to celebrate the centennial of Baptist work in Liberia. Tolbert was to have spoken at an April 13 groundbreaking for a new Baptist convention building.

The Baptist building in downtown Monrovia also was visited by soldiers April 17, said Norville. Soldiers shot into the third floor and attic and were seen removing a safe and other office equipment from the basement of the building. The building had been Tolbert's family residence while he was vice president.

Tolbert's death has created problems for Ricks Institute, a Baptist school in Monrovia supported by the Liberian convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. Since operating funds came through the Liberian convention by way of checks signed by Tolbert, the school has not been receiving its usual operating funds. School officials said they have food supplies adequate for about a month. Many of the school's students are children of Tolbert government officials.

Thirteen former government officials were shot by firing squad April 22 on orders of the 17-member People's Redemption Council now winning the country. Among those executed was Richard A. Henries, speaker of the House of Representatives, who had been chairman of the deacons at Providence Baptist Church, Monrovia.

(Mary Jane Welch is on the news staff of the FNB)

Woman's Missionary Union Convention

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Message: Alastair Walker, pastor, First Baptist Church, Spartanburg, SC
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—Mrs. Lanell Saeger, leader of refugee ministry, Vestavia Hills Baptist Church, Birmingham, AL
—Anita Reese, college student and Acteens Activator, St. Louis MO
—Mrs. Gail Linam, children's director, Calvary Baptist Church, Waco, TX
Address: Margaret Perkins, WMU consultant for cooperative ministries with National Baptists, WMU, Birmingham, AL

Monday Afternoon, June 9, 2:00
Session Theme: The Individual in Life-Changing Commitments

Great Women of Women's Missionary Union Today; WMU Executive Board report, Carolyn Weatherford, executive director, WMU, Birmingham, AL
Business: Election of Officers

Lottie Moon and Life-Changing Commitments: Official presentation of the new book, *The New Lottie Moon Story*
—Catherine B. Allen, assistant to the executive director, WMU, Birmingham, AL, and author of the book
—Jane Chu, concert pianist and student, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, AR
—Mrs. William Barry Harmon, Richmond, VA; great-great niece of Lottie Moon and WMU member, River Road Baptist Church
—Mrs. R. C. Churchill, Crewe, VA; great-great niece of Lottie Moon
—The Jerry Barretts, missionaries, Hong Kong

After Monday Afternoon Session
Lottie Moon Exhibition and Autograph Party
Display of memorabilia of Lottie Moon
Honoring Moon family, missionaries, and special guests

Monday Evening, June 9, 7:30
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Monologue on the Theme: Sheryl Churchill, Birmingham, AL
Testimonies:

—The Dale E. Beighles, foreign missionaries, Bophuthatswana
—R. Keith Parks, executive director, Foreign Mission Board

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church music, and R. Alan Culpepper to associate professor of New Testament interpretation.

... granted tenure to G. Douglas Smith, associate professor of church music.

... elected Forrest H. Heeren as senior professor of church music, effective upon his retirement as dean of the School of Church Music on July 31, 1981, and Clyde T. Francisco as senior professor of Old Testament interpretation, also effective on July 31, 1981.

... promoted Elisabeth E. Lambert to dean of students, and designated David C. Vaughn and Elizabeth Allen each as assistant deans of students.

... re-elected T. T. Crabtree, pastor of First Baptist Church, Springfield, Mo., as chairman of the board.

Shurden, the new dean of the School of Theology, is a graduate of Mississippi College. He grew up in Greenville and received the master of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and did post-doctoral study in higher education at the University of Tennessee.

He came to the faculty of Southern Seminary in 1976 from the chair of Southern Baptist studies at Carson-Newman College, where he had taught for seven years. Shurden was also visiting lecturer in church history at McMaster Divinity College, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, for the academic year 1980-81. He has been pastor of Baptist churches in Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana.

On Barbados . . .

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Connie Meade of Antigua chats with missionary Wayne Dunn on the college lawn.



Immanuel Baptist Church in Bridgetown is the largest of the Baptist churches on Barbados.



Among the missionaries gathered at the home of the Wayne Duns for their daughter's birthday party were, left to right, Tom Cable, Anne Hook, Peggy Dunn, Phil Overton, and Bill Womack. Wayne Dunn sits with his back to the camera, and Deanna Cable is almost out of view to the left.



The birthday honoree was Chris Dunn, who was 14.

Faces and Places. . .

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driver. So when he won the 1971 NASCAR Grand American Rookie of the Year title, he thought he was on his way. But then everything else started falling apart, he said — his marriage, his morals, his finances. Because of all these failures he gave up racing in 1973 and started driving chartered tours for Trailways.

The witness of church groups he drove on some of those tours helped to get him back on the right track. He gives special credit to the Christian influence of Billy Jack Green, a former minister of music in Mississippi. When he drove Green and a group of young people from First Church, Columbia, to Mexico, they started him thinking.

He added, "Then God used an old woman on a bus, seated right behind me, as His angel, or messenger, to call me to the ministry."

As the bus passed the race track at Clinton, Bob noticed that the paint on the sign was fading. "I painted that sign," he told the woman. "I used to drive on that race track. In fact, I guess I've had about forty jobs."

"And now you are going to be a minister," she said.

But he scoffed: "I don't even know if I believe in God."

Her words though had entered his heart like arrows. Back in his bedroom in Jackson he got down on his knees and said, "Lord, I can't do it, but I'm willing to be willing. I want the full abundant life that Christ said He came to give." New joy and peace came to him. Later, he said, "I had denied Jesus, but Jesus forgave me for denying Him, just as he had forgiven Peter."

He visited several small Jackson churches, looking for one to join, for he thought a large church might be unfriendly. Yet one Sunday morning he ran out of gas and walked to First Baptist, only a few blocks from his apartment. "The pastor preached to me," he recalls. That morning he surrendered his life and joined First Church. In 1975 the church licensed him to the gospel ministry.

Right away his resolve was tested. He got an offer to go Grand National racing. But he turned it down, because now he knew that "the thrill of serving Jesus is more satisfying than the thrill of racing victory."

It was at First Church that he met Nicki.

At Mississippi College he took a church-related art course taught by Sam Gore, and some seminary extension courses. Some time later, he entered the seminary at New Orleans.

To Work At 5 A.M.
Nicki Hobbs grew up in Longview, Texas. Her parents were divorced; her mother took her to church and Sunday School. "But it was not until 1975 that I really acknowledged Christ as Lord of my life," she said.

A Sunday School class at Longview provided a scholarship for her at Mississippi College, where she studied voice under Jack Lyle. Later she received a degree from Northeastern Louisiana State, and taught school seven years.

Children in the Jackson area have for two years known Nicki as Miss Anne in Channel 12's "Romper Room," which airs from 9 to 9:30 a.m. She was chosen for the role from a field of 55 applicants.

Though she did not mention Christ or Christianity in "Romper Room," she could teach Christian attitudes and principles such as "Be a friend to someone who doesn't have a friend." She said she has received many letters from mothers, expressing appreciation for her Christian witness to the children.

For "Mississippi Morning" she plans and writes her own format. She must be at the station by 5 a.m. "At first," she recalls, "Channel 12 officials were reluctant to ask a wife and mother to come to work that early in the morning. I took the matter of my working on this show to the Lord, and left it." Soon her employers decided to ask her to begin the show, which she did last May.

At first Bob helped to get the younger children off to school. Now, when he is in New Orleans, their teen-aged foster child does this. The Williamses have shared their home with three foster children. "The Lord gave us this home," she said, "and we feel really blessed that He would trust us with foster children. And they have understood that if they stayed with us they had to be willing to abide by the rules of a Christian home."

Both agreed, "We look forward to every new day, to see how God will use us that day to share His message with someone."



Sixty-five to 70 attended the dinner April 20 celebrating the fifth anniversary of the Spanish congregation, Broadmoor Church, Jackson.

Citizens Over 60

Want Adventure? Try Elderhostel!

Mississippians over 60 who would like to study or travel and meet new friends this summer, for relatively little expense, might find a way to do that through Elderhostel. This educational program for active Americans over 60 will sponsor courses at Mississippi College one week, June 15-20; two weeks at Mississippi State, June 29-July 5 and July 13-19; and a week at USM, June 8-14.

Elderhostel is a network of over 300 colleges and universities in 50 states and Canada which offer special low-cost, one-week summer residential academic programs for older adults. Inspired by youth hostels and folk schools of Europe, this study program is guided by the needs of older citizens for intellectual stimulation and physical adventure.

Elderhostelers live in rooms in a college dorm near classrooms and eat in the college cafeterias. Each hosteler may take up to three courses per week, or as few as one. The courses are non-credit, with no exams, no grades, and no required homework. Lack of formal education is not a barrier. Regular faculty members of the colleges teach the courses. Transportation is provided for activities that involve more than a short walk on campus.

At Mississippi College, as in most other schools, the week will begin Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. and end the following Saturday after breakfast. Courses to be taught at Mississippi College this year are Antiques and Artifacts of the Civil War Era; Civil War Campaigns in Mississippi; and Photography.

The courses to be offered at Mississippi State University the first week will be Personality Types in Marriage, Family, Work, and School; Indians in Mississippi; and Field Techniques and Map Reading/Making. The second week will offer Historic Architecture of Mississippi, Practical Horticulture, and Anthropology and World Problems.

Courses to be taught at University of Southern Mississippi are An A Introduction to World Travel; Antique and Classic Cars/American and Foreign; and Assertiveness Training.

The cost is \$130 a week, which includes room (double occupancy), board, instruction, and activities. A limited number of commuters can be accepted at a cost of \$60, which includes lunch and all scheduled activities.

Registration for these weeks opened Feb. 22, 1980. To register, or to ask for more information, write Continuing Education, Mississippi College, Box 4185, Clinton, MS 39058. A \$25 deposit is required upon registration.

Elderhostel participants can register for as many courses, in as many schools across the nation, as their time and budgets can afford, and as long as spaces are still available. Most colleges and universities limit their programs to 30 or 40 elders.

The National Registration Office phone number is 617/426-8056, and it is open for registration (toll-free) from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Central Standard Time, Mondays through Fridays. Its address is National Registration Office, Elderhostel, 100 Boylston Street, Suite 200, Boston, MA 02116.

Ruschlikon, Switzerland — Nearly 30 applications have been accepted for the 1980 SITE at the Baptist Theological Seminary here, June 1-26, according to Denton Lotz, director. This Summer Institute of Theological Education is a project of the European Baptist Federation, and this enrollment is about twice that of last year. Students will be coming from all over Europe, plus Egypt, El Salvador, Brazil, and North America. Opening exercises will be in the Seminary chapel on June 1 with David R. Russell, president of the EBF and general secretary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, as guest speaker. — (EBPS)

Staff Changes

Lewis Ferrell is now serving Pleasant Hill Church, DeSoto County, in a full time capacity, as pastor. He had been serving as interim pastor.

Billy Davis has resigned as pastor of Toxich Church, Pontotoc County, to accept the pastorate of North Side Church in New Albany.

James Edwards has resigned as pastor of New Prospect Church, Monroe County. He and his family will move from Route 1, Hamilton, to Coffeeville in early May. He is available for supply preaching, interim or regular pastorate. He may be contacted at 675-2442.

Arthur Middleton began his tenure as minister of youth and activities at First Church, Amory, on March 1. A native of Jackson, he is a graduate of Mississippi College and Southwestern Seminary.

C. G. Goff has resigned as pastor of Northside Church, George County. He has served in the George-Greene area for 23 years.

Leaf Church, Greene County, has called Bob Tucker as pastor, following the resignation of Danny Burnham.

Dan Hembree has resigned as pastor of Pleasant Hill Church, Greene County, and has moved to the Creole Church pastorate in Jackson County.

Keith Thrash and his wife Tanya and four-month-old baby have moved to Clarke County Association, where Thrash will be pastor of Hebron Ridge Church. They moved from New Hope Church, Lauderdale County, where he was minister of music.

Tom Baddley has resigned as pastor of First Church, Brandon, to accept the pastorate of Immanuel Church, Tulsa, Okla. A native Mississippian, Baddley has served churches in Mississippi since 1964, except for four years in Texas while studying at Southwestern Seminary. He has served as associate recording secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, as moderator of the Rankin Association, and is a trustee of William Carey College.

Vaiden Church has called Randal C. Lindsay as its pastor. Lindsay's wife, Cathy, was called as the church's minister of music.



Cathy and Randal Lindsay



Left to right are Raul Garcia, deacon, Curtis Ferrell, pastor, and Rebecca Pichs, of the Spanish congregation at Broadmoor.

Spanish Congregation Celebrates 5th Year

The Spanish congregation at Broadmoor Church, Jackson, celebrated its fifth anniversary on Sunday, April 20, with dinner at the church following the morning worship service. At least 60 or 70 were present.

Among the guests were Jack and Jean Glaze, former missionaries to Argentina (he is now head of the Religion Department at Mississippi College); William and Jane Hickman, missionaries to Paraguay; David Glaze, who was the first pastor of the Spanish congregation, and his wife; and David Grant, the Broadmoor pastor, and Mrs. Grant.

The Spanish services began in April, 1975, with seven persons. Now about 25 or 30 is the average attendance. How-

ever, the number of those in the congregation fluctuates, as Spanish-speaking individuals in the city move away to other cities or other churches.

Curtis Ferrell, who has been pastor there for four years, said that for a while the majority of those attending were of Mexican background. At the anniversary dinner, however, Cuba was the place with most representatives. Ferrell is the son of former missionaries to Argentina.

The Spanish congregation at Broadmoor has Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays and morning worship at 10:50.

Sunday morning, April 20, special music was presented by Kerry Grantham and Lorenzo and Ruth Lindahl.

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dren's homes, and virtually all other denominational workers outside local church ministries.

The amendment, if accepted, would also remove the basis for what Nash called "significant government entanglement in the affairs of churches" by having the effect of forbidding the IRS from defining "church agency," an action Nash and others feel to be an unwarranted intrusion by the IRS into church affairs.

In addition, the Talmadge amendment would define the term "employee" of a church to include a minister in the exercise of his ministry, regardless of its specific relationship to a local congregation and would establish a retroactive correction period and procedure to restore church plan status to denominational plans which inadvertently fail to meet the technical requirements of the present law.

The new amendment is co-sponsored by Senators David L. Boren, D-Okla., a former professor of political science at Oklahoma Baptist University, and Lloyd M. Bentsen, D-Texas.

The Senate Finance Committee, where the nuts and bolts issues will likely be decided, is chaired by Sen. Russell B. Long, D-La. Other members of the committee are Abraham Ribicoff, D-Conn.; Harry F. Byrd Jr., I-Va.; Gaylord Nelson, D-Wis.; Mike Gravel, D-Alaska; Spark M. Matsunaga, D-Hawaii; Daniel P. Moynihan, D-N.Y.; Max Baucus, D-Mont.; Bill Bradley, D-N.J.; Robert Dole, R-Kan.; Bob Packwood, R-Ore.; William V. Roth, R-Del.; John C. Danforth, R-Mo.; John H. Chafee, R-R.I.; H. John Heinz III, R-Pa.; Malcolm Wallop, R-Wyo.; and David Durenberger, R-Minn.

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denominations are picking up on this basic organizational approach and are having much success in reaching people and building great Sunday Schools.

Raikes . . .

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to teach cleanliness, manners, proper speech, and reading. His basic text was the Bible.

Opposition began quickly and Raikes was taunted for his good intentions and efforts.

Support came from men like John Wesley. In 1784 Wesley wrote, "Some of these schools may become nurseries for Christians."

Although others are credited with operating Sabbath or Bible schools at earlier times, Raikes is considered the father of the movement for his efforts at organizing and promoting the schools.

By 1783 he announced his experiment and the movement quickly spread. Within three years 250,000 children were receiving instruction. The Sunday School found fertile soil in America and between 1827 and 1880 most denominations officially took this new organization under their wing. Today Sunday School, church school, and Sabbath school enrollments in American churches is approximately 33 million boys, girls, men, and women.

United Methodists Reaffirm Stand On Homosexuals

Indianapolis (EP) — The United Methodist Church has reaffirmed an eight-year-old policy declaring that homosexual practice is "incompatible" with Christianity but which accepts the "sacred worth" of homosexuals. In doing so, delegates to the denomination's legislating General Conference turned aside proposals which could have either liberalized or made more restrictive a phrase in the church's Social Principles saying, "We do not condone the practice of homosexuality and consider this practice incompatible with Christian teaching."

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Rankin Baptists Will Sponsor May 10 Workshop On Juvenile Rehabilitation

A workshop will be held Saturday, May 10, at Rankin County Baptist Assembly, on the subject of "Ministering and Witnessing in Juvenile Rehabilitation." It will be jointly sponsored by the Pelahatchie Baptist Church, the Rankin County Baptist Association, and the Rankin County Youth Court. Rankin County Baptists, and others who are interested, are invited to participate.

The program will begin at 9 a.m. and close at 4 p.m. Speakers will include Sandra Odom, Youth Court counselor; Tom Zebert, Rankin County Youth Court judge; Carl Nelson, pastor of the Pelahatchie Church; J. C. Renfro, director of missions, Rankin Association; Ricky Gray; Mrs. John Ed-

wards; and Mrs. Howard Stevens. Some of the topics for discussion are Persons Not Things; The Youth Court and Its Role; Understanding the Juvenile Delinquent; Guiding Youth with Problems of Drinking, Smoking, Narcotics; Preventive Measures; Backyard Bible Clubs.

Six persons will lead a panel discussion on What Juveniles and Their Families Need from Christian Adults. The six are Doug Rawson, Toby Ivy, Clarence Smith, Sandra Odom, Maria Ellinburg, and Richard Sims.

The workshop is a result of Pelahatchie Church's Mission Action Project, called "Love-A-Child Project," that has as its purpose "to aid Pearl-Rankin County Court personnel

in the rehabilitation of boys and girls, either delinquent or pre-delinquent, who may be deprived of wholesome adult relationships. To prevent troubled children and youths from becoming future criminals by helping them become socially adjusted citizens. To reveal the biblical truth of God's love by meeting their physical, social, emotional and spiritual needs."

The project seeks to provide, among other things, temporary foster homes. Volunteers in Probation (to befriend children on a one-to-one basis), informal counselors, and tutors.

Lunch will be served at the workshop. Reservations for the lunch (cost, \$2) should be made no later than May 5 with Sally Stevens (854-8914) or Mary Ray, Association secretary (939-2182).

Names In The News . . .

Ernie Brunson, from First Baptist Church, Jackson, has been elected student body president at Southwestern Baptist Seminary in Fort Worth, Tex.

Tom Littlejohn, former pastor of Chesterville Church, Tupelo, was recently elected Dorn Council president at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., where he is working on a Master of Divinity degree. Littlejohn, a Pontotoc native, will work with Dan West this summer at Central Hills Baptist Retreat, Kosciusko, as assistant manager.

Joseph C. Loving has accepted the position of bus director at First Baptist Church of Monticello, Fl. Loving is a student at Baptist Bible Institute in Graceville, Fl. He is married to the former Madoua Magee and they have one son, Reginald. They moved to Graceville from Jackson.

The pastor of his present church is Paul B. Williamson, Jr., who was formerly pastor of Richland Church in Jackson, Loving's home church.

The Loving family will continue to live in Graceville and will commute to the church field on the weekends.

Oliver Ladner an April 14 completed his tenth year and began his eleventh as pastor of First Church, Magee.

David Walley and Arlis Walley were recently ordained as deacons at Sand Hill Church, Greene County.

Carolyn Corley, a junior at Blue Mountain College, has been commissioned by Calvary Church, Tupelo, to serve as a student missionary in Ohio this summer. This appointment is made jointly by the Home Mission Board and Calvary Church. This student missionary program is funded by the Thomas-Washburn Memorial Trust Fund of Calvary Church.

Marc Beaver, minister of music at First Baptist Church of Pascagoula, elected president of the Mississippi Baptist Church Music Conference, at the annual meeting held at Parkway Baptist Church in Jackson. The term is for 1980-81.

The music conference is an organization of ministers of music, educators and students.

Beaver, a preacher's son, is a native of Lithia Springs, Ga. He earned a bachelor of music degree from Florida State University and a master's in church music from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

His wife Susan is children's choir coordinator at First, Pascagoula, and an interpreter for the deaf ministry.

Samuel G. Shepard and his wife, missionary associates in Portugal, will begin furlough in June of this year. After August, for the remainder of their furlough year, they will be living at the missionary residence at Stetson University, Deland, Fla. Their address and phone number there will be 212 East May St., Deland, Fla. 32730

(phone 305-734-1713).

Shepard was pastor of First Church, Tupelo, from 1963 until 1970, and then pastor in Florida until 1975. Since June, 1976, he has been teaching theology in the Baptist seminary at Lisbon.

Shepard states, "If any Mississippi Baptist churches would like for me to speak on our mission work on Portugal, I would be glad to do so. If they write or call me, we could arrange a date." His address until June 6 is Av. Dos Bombeiros Voluntarios, Lote 119-10, DTO, 1495 Lisboa, Portugal.

House Passes Proposal For Draft Plan

WASHINGTON (BP) — A proposal authorizing funding for President Carter's draft registration plan passed the U. S. House of Representatives, but it is expected to meet additional opposition in the Senate.

The amended resolution, approved by the House by a vote of 218 to 188, authorizes the transfer of \$13,295,000 from funds appropriated to the Air Force to finance the administration plan to register 19 and 20-year-old males beginning when the president gives the order.

Sen. Mark O. Hatfield, R-Ore., is among those expected to oppose the measure, should it reach the Senate floor. A spokesman for Hatfield indicated that the Baptist senator would consider a filibuster if it becomes apparent that there are not enough votes to defeat the measure.

Village News From

On April 14, it was our honored pleasure to host a meeting of Lincoln County Association's Pastors Conference at Dickerson Place, our new group home near Brookhaven. Mr. Henry Glaze, Home Life Director on the Jackson campus, representing the Executive Director's office, hosted the meeting and addressed our Pastor-friends from Lincoln County. Following the meeting, Village staffers Mike and Gloria Shelton along with Helen Ham, on duty at Dickerson Place conducted the meeting on a tour of this latest addition to our child care facilities.

T. J. Clardy, Jr. and Charlie Garrett from The Village's Farrow Manor Campus recently traveled to Jackson with their Vocational Club to attend and participate in state-wide competition in their skills. T. J. and Charlie are members of a construction work and brick laying Club in Vocational-technical training in their Tate County schools.

Young people from The Village's Jackson campus who have recently served as Pages in the Legislature include: Joe Daniel, Chrys Land, Mike Milner and Marilyn Eldridge.

Mr. Leon Barnes of Corinth, who serves as our Village representative from Alcorn Association, recently visited our Farrow Manor Campus in Tate County, delivering a generous gift of cash designated to assist us as we undertake to provide playground equipment for the boys and girls on our "country-life" campus. Mr. Barnes also delivered baseball equipment, sheets and pillow cases from our friends in that area.



Presenting Our Staff

Hubert Monk, left, housefather and Recreation Department, Jackson Campus, since September, 1979.

Mrs. Hubert (Sharon) Monk, right, housemother, Jackson Campus since September, 1979.



Men Open Motel Ministry

Baptist Men of Center Ridge Church (Yazoo Association) have begun a motel ministry to the Yazoo Motel on Highway 49 in Yazoo City. The ministry provides several things for the guests: A literature ministry where tracts, booklets, and Gospels of John are given in zip-lock plastic bags (a special brochure is also inserted bearing a message of welcome by the church's pastor); a schedule of services for the week, with a map showing the location of the church; and an announcement of the broadcast of both morning and evening services over WJNS and Channel 2 Cablevision.

The ministry also provides a church directory which is placed in the motel office. The directory includes pictures of several churches easily accessible from the motel, and a city map showing the churches' locations.

A third part of the ministry provides a chaplaincy program for any guest who feels the need for the counsel of a minister or priest.

It is estimated that approximately 21,000 people will register at the motel each year. Pictured from left to right are: Al Homer, Jr., pastor; Earnest Jackson; J. W. Wilkinson, John Carley, Thad Henley, minister of music; J. D. Passons, W. A. Passons, and motel manager, Carroll Quinn.

Revival Dates

New Hope (Marion): May 4-9; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Ernest Sadler, Easthaven, Brookhaven, evangelist; Gary Hodges, Woodlawn, Vicksburg, music director; Bobby Walton, pastor.

Mt. Zion Church (Leake): April 30-May 2; Don Savell, evangelist; services 7:30 p.m.; Jessie Scott, Jr., pastor.

Highland, Meridian: May 18-22; Harold Shirley, pastor of First Church, Talladega, Ala., evangelist; Jackie Hamilton, pastor; Carl Bridgman, minister of music at Calvary, Meridian, guest musician. (Shirley, a Meridian native, grew up in the Highland Church and is the brother of A. D. Shirley, chairman of the church's Evangelism Committee.)

Parkhill Church, Jackson: May 11-16; Bobby Perry, pastor of First Church, Moss Point, evangelist; Robert Bain, music director at Parkhill Church, in charge of music; services 7:30 p.m. (date subject to change); Agriente Church (George): April 28-May 2; morning services at 8:30; evening services at 7:30; John Merck, pastor of Shiloh Church of Saraland, Ala., evangelist; Don Boone, music di-

rector of Shiloh Church of Saraland, Ala., music director; Wm. Bryce Evans, pastor.

Hebron (Yazoo): May 2-4; youth-led meeting; team from Clarke College with Joe Kelly, evangelist; John McDaniel, song leader, and Terry Sullivan, pianist; Fri. and Sat. at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday services at regular time, with dinner on the grounds; Bill Hutto, pastor.

Four History Workshops Planned

Four workshops on Baptist History in the local church will be conducted by staff members of the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention in Mississippi. Places and dates are First Church Tupelo, May 5; First Church, Greenville, May 6; Alta Woods Church, Jackson, May 7; and First Church, Hattiesburg, May 8.

Each workshop will be held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. except the one in Jackson which will be held from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Pastors, church history committee members, church clerks, church librarians, and other church leaders are invited to participate. Registration will open thirty minutes before each workshop begins.

Children, Our Special Trust:

On Monday, April 28, it was our pleasure to host the second annual focus on Baptist child care in Mississippi, "Children, Our Special Trust" on The Village's Jackson Campus. Both pastor and lay-friends from about the state attended the program sessions in Powell Chapel and remained as our guests for a luncheon served in Hester Activities Building. Through this annual feature, The Children's Village seeks to render a factual, but summary, accounting of its stewardship in terms of services and ministries, and, at the same time, better inform friends with reference to our program, its goals, purposes and problems.

The 1980 sessions featured touching and revealing discussions by the natural mother of a child currently

Sardis Church, Hazlehurst, will observe homecoming on Sunday, May 4, with Lamar Jolly, pastor, preaching. Services will be at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Lunch will be served at noon. The public is invited.

First Church, Yazoo City, has announced plans for its Homecoming Day, Sunday, May 4.

Special guests will be Harold and Betty Shirley. Shirley is a former pastor of First Church, Yazoo City, having served the church from 1956 until November 1960. He and his wife now reside in Talladega, Ala., where he is pastor of Meridian, Shirley attended Meridian Junior College, the University of Alabama, and graduated from Samford University. He holds a Master of Divinity degree from Southern Seminary.

The Shirleys are parents of two children, Jan Robbin (now Mrs. Anthony Rierson) of Jefferson, N. C., and John Kennedy (Ken) Shirley, who lives in New York City.

Shirley will preach at the 11 a.m. service. At noon, church members, guests, former members, are invited to remain for dinner on the ground which will be served at Lintonia Park near the church. In case of rain, lunch will be served in the church's Activities Building.

At the 7 p.m. service on May 4, the music ministry will present a spectacular which will feature all the choirs. There will also be solos, duets, special choral groups, an instrumental ensemble, and handbells. The music ministry is under direction of Mrs. James A. Henley, Jr.

The pastor James F. Yates, extends an invitation to the public including former staff members, former church members, and those who were in the church during the ministry of the Harold Shirley.

Cary Church, Sharkey County, will hold annual homecoming on May 4, beginning at 9:45 a.m. Dinner will be served on the church lawn. Afterward, singing will continue until 3 p.m. Billy J. McDaniel is the pastor. The public is invited.

Plave Church, Greene County, will have homecoming day on Sunday, May 4, and will that day begin revival services with Troy Sumrall as evangelist. John Stewart is pastor.

Liberty Church on Highway 37, south of Raleigh (Smith County), will have homecoming on Sunday, May 4. Sunday School will begin at 10 with morning worship beginning at 11. There will be dinner on the grounds, and gospel singing. A special invitation is extended to all former members and pastors, states the pastor, Charles E. Abbey.

THE VILLAGE VIEW

FROM
Baptist Children's Village
P. O. Box 11308 Jackson, MS 39213

Mother's Day 1980

May 11 — Mother's Day, 1980 approaches. We earnestly pray for a generous expression of support for our child care mission from every Baptist church in Mississippi this year. Most of our financial support (more than 70%) must reach us from designated giving. If it is to reach us at all. This is the only time during the year when we appear to churches, as organized fellowships, for money support. Mississippi Baptist Convention allocates CHRISTIAN HOME WEEK to The Village for emphasis upon our ministry and suggests MOTHER'S DAY as the

appropriate time for every Mississippi Baptist Church to receive a special, cash offering for the general needs of our children and their Village home. Four Village facilities — at Jackson — at New Albany — in Tate County — and in Lincoln County must be operated from your gifts, along with all other Village programs and services. Inflation and the cost of servicing debt from gifts we receive have combined to make our task even more difficult. We respectfully ask for both your prayers and your financial support at Mother's Day.

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The Village Dollar

How We Get It

Cooperative Program	18.2%
Designated Gifts:	
Mother's Day	16.5%
Holiday Fund	13.7%
Dress A Child At Easter	7.4%
Back To School & Memorials	9.0%
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Parental Support	7.0%

How We Spend It

Children's Food, Clothing and Home Needs	37%
Education	10%
Utilities & Maintenance	17%
Administration	10%
Social Service, Medical & Dental	9%
Capital Outlays	15%
Promotion & Development	2%

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Figures based upon our budget goals for fiscal year ending 6/30/80.
Including debt service - Purchase of Farrow Manor Campus only.
"When my father and mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up."
(Psalms 27:10)

Figures based upon our fiscal year ending 6/30/79.
"Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?"
(Lamentations 1:12a)

Parents' Day:

On May 24, the Jackson campus of The Baptist Children's Village will attempt a "Parents' Day". Natural parents and families of boys and girls under care at The Village in Jackson are being cordially invited to visit all of us on that date, beginning at 11:00 o'clock A.M. Following a morning visit with their children, the natural families will join all of us at a "cook-out" atop the highest hill near Powell Chapel. Hamburgers, hot dogs and all the "fixings," along with desserts which will be prepared by houseparents on our Jackson campus will constitute the menu of the noon hour. During the afternoon of May 24, recreation, especially planned for family participation will be directed by Bob Catlett and Hubert Monk from The Village's Department of Recreation.

The entire day is under the general supervision of Mrs. Annette Hitt, Director of Christian Education. The Village is a family-oriented child care ministry, and we believe that PARENTS' DAY, 1980, will represent a real forward step for our staff and children in the important process of rehabilitation of family life for many of our boys and girls.



A letter from home — Dickerson Place, near Brookhaven.



Fun in the country Village youngsters enjoy trampoline — Dickerson Place.

Just For The Record . . .



"Follow The Light" was the theme of a recent recognition service at NOLA CHURCH, Lawrence Association. Acteens honored at this ceremony were, left to right: Tina Reed, Anna Stewart, Maryann Calcote, Melissa Lewis, and Tawana Lewis, Queens, and Lisa Smith, center, Queen-Regent.

The WMU honored the Acteens with a reception. Mrs. Joann Lewis, WMU director, presented each of the girls with charm bracelets and charms, as gifts from the WMU. Mrs. Denise Windom is the Acteens leader. Her husband, Van Windom, is the pastor.



HOLLYWOOD CHURCH, SLEDGE, observed Men's Day and old-fashioned day on the same date. Some men and boys grew beards and wore overalls; women and girls wore long dresses and old-fashioned hats. Mildred Hamilton, top left, wore the oldest hat. With her is Sonny Mayo. At top right are Melinda Aldison and Durwood Hamba in their costumes. Bottom photo, Ronnie Lusher, song leader, and Jennifer Faust, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norris Faust, model their overalls. Tom Bonds is the pastor.

The activities ministry of First Church, Laurel recently sponsored a "Mr. Tacky Pageant" as an after-church fellowship. The pageant took place in the Family Life Center where the gymnasium was transformed into a mini-junk yard complete with an out-house door, discarded tires and rusted wash tubs filled with dry ice. Shelley Farrish was the junkyard keeper and wore an appropriate outfit.

Mrs. Charlotte Myrick welcomed the large audience and introduced the master of ceremonies, Charles Hudson. Hudson introduced the fashion coordinator for the night, Mrs. Dell Scoper, and the judges, Mrs. Peggy Melvin, Mrs. Mary Alice Griffin, Mrs. Ida Marshall and Ms. Cynthia Simmons.

Next came the introduction of the former "Mr. Tacky," Cecil Williams, Jr., who appeared to be just as "Tacky" as when selected in 1976. Williams was followed by the present "Miss Tacky," Gibbs (Gilda Goodbar) Goodwin, who was wearing a formal gown of royal purple velvet trimmed in silver. These title holders were presented arm bouquets of plastic roses and artichoke blooms by the pageant hostesses, Mrs. Jackie McCool and Mrs. Myrick.

The parade of candidates began with Hudson and Mrs. Scoper delivering monologues and costume descriptions on each contestant, creatively written by Mrs. Carolyn Ruth Blake, Mrs. Brenda Thatch, Mrs. Scoper and Hudson.

The "handsome" group entered the gym down a pathway flanked by milk cans and made their way through the junkyard to much applause and laughter.

As the judges tallied their votes, a trio consisting of Mrs. Jan Sellers, Mrs. Sue Collins and Goodwin enthralled their audience with their unique vocal version of "Grandma's Feather Bed."

S. C. Shaw was awarded both of "co-veted" titles, "Mr. Wonderful," and "Mr. Tacky of 1980." The runners-up were Mike Lundy, Dan Jones, Roy Thatch, and Ron Fredin.

At the conclusion of the contest, Mike Lundy, minister of activities, presented a certificate of appreciation to pageant director, Charles Hudson.

The other contestants included Scott Matheny, Ricky Plaza, Ray Bates, Williams Wells, Woody Barham, Jr., John Hassell, Gus Voge, Doug Jefcoat, Jim Palmer, Thomas Shaws, Goode Montgomery, and David Byrd.

Hudson invited everyone to stay and enjoy an old-fashioned pie feast which ensued.

Texas Church Will Honor Troy Sumrall

First Baptist Church, Pearsall, Tex., where Troy A. Sumrall retired as pastor in 1972, is planning a Sumrall Weekend May 3-4, to take note of Sumrall's 55th year in the ministry.

A banquet and fellowship are planned for Saturday evening, plus two services and lunch at the church on Sunday. The Sunday evening service will be given to social activities.

Sumrall is pastor of Union Church, Beaumont, Miss. lives at Route 1, Beaumont, and is active in revival preaching (phone 788-9360).

He was pastor at Pearsall ten years before he "retired" and returned to Mississippi to serve as interim for First Church, Pass Christian, First Church, Lyman, and then at Woolmarket. After he left Woolmarket he was director of missions for Perry County Association for five years.

When you have to make a choice and don't make it, that is in itself a choice. —William James

The language of friendship is not words, but meanings. It is an intelligence about language.

248 Professions Of Faith Are Recorded In Marion Crusade

Five hundred and fifty decisions were recorded in the Jay Strack Marion County Crusade during the week of April 13-20. Two hundred and forty-eight of these decisions were professions of faith.

The crusade was sponsored by the Marion County Baptist Association. Charles Case, pastor of the Foxworth, First Church, served as general chairman.

David Perry, counsel chairman, issued a report listing the decisions and church preferences. Sixty-five different churches were listed, representing eight counties, three states, and 14 denominations.

Strack, an evangelist from Ft. Worth, Tex., was assisted by R. O. Stone of West Rome, Ga., as the music director. Stone's wife, Angie, played the piano and rendered special music. The Stone Brothers, sons of R. O. and Angie, presented special music for the services Sunday-Thursday nights. Organist for the crusade was Larry Ferguson of Ft. Myers, Fla.

Sixteen churches of Marion Association assisted with the financial under-

Devotional Almost Doesn't Count

By Wayne Long, Pastor, First, Lambert Acts 26:28

A chemist concocted a soft drink formula and called it "One-up," but it didn't sell. After improving it he renamed the drink "Two-up." Still the drink did not sell. Again he revised the formula, this time naming it "Three-up." Still it was a failure. He kept trying until he developed "Six-up." Still there was no success, so he quit trying.

How many times have we had to say, "I almost made it." In so many instances—if we could have only lasted a little longer or had a bit more luck! There have been jobs we almost got; teams we almost made; games we almost won; houses we almost bought. Life often seems to be a steady trail of "almosts." But we must remember, "almost" doesn't count. It is bad enough to almost make physical goals. It is far worse to almost make spiritual goals. Let's look at two such goals.

First, many have been ALMOST SAVED. In our text, King Agrippa was "almost persuaded" to become a Christian. Like us, Agrippa had heard the gospel; he knew how to be saved. He came very close to making the right decision; but, remember, "almost" doesn't count! Good intentions did not keep Agrippa out of hell. If you are almost saved, then you are just as lost as any other person who is bound for hell. Don't stop when you are almost there.

Second, many today are ALMOST SURRENDERED. Satan is the great deceiver. He has deceived many of us by telling us we can be saved without surrendering to Christ. Many want to trust Christ as Saviour, but not as Lord. We must realize that God expects us to do both. Are you perhaps wanting and planning to surrender fully to Jesus Christ but you haven't quite gone all the way? Remember, "almost" doesn't count!

In Revelation 3:16 we are told that Jesus dislikes people who try to be lukewarm towards him. He says that he would prefer we be cold rather than being lukewarm. We need to be on fire for our Lord Jesus. Remember, "almost" doesn't count!

The seminar presents a panoramic view of the Bible for the entire church family.

Individuals or groups interested in securing information about attending this seminar may write Greg Klimetz, Calvary Baptist Church, 1309 Church St., Columbia, Miss. 39429.

Revival Results

First Church, Houston: Ken Marler, pastor; Gerald Buckley, pastor, Parkway, Natchez, evangelist; Truman Thompson, minister of music and youth, First, Fort Wales, Fla., music evangelist; 15 professions of faith; three by letter.

Hong Kong — Sales during 1979 for Baptist Press in Hong Kong topped projections by \$12,500. And during the first two months of 1980, the Chinese-language publishing house recorded about \$5,000 above the projected sales.

Bible Book Series

Toward the Promised Land

By J. Roy McComb, Pastor, First, Columbia Numbers 1:1-10:10

The Book of Numbers is the fourth in the Pentateuch and describes the numbering of the people while camping at Mt. Sinai. The English name is derived from the Latin vulgate "numeri." Actually, the numbering of the tribes appears only in chapters 1, 2, 3, and 26. In most Hebrew Bibles the title is "Bemidbar," meaning "in the wilderness."

I. God Commands That the People Be Numbered (Numbers 1:1-4:49)

The setting for this numbering is the plain at the base of Mt. Sinai where the tribes have been encamped for about ten months. The time had come for Israel to organize as a great army so that they could continue their journey toward Canaan with confidence and assurance. Many enemy tribes and nations stood between them and the promised land. They could possess the land God had given them only with a strong, well-organized army under the direction and power of God. This is so relevant for us today.

The numbering was necessary for the following reasons: (1) that they might see God had not forgotten his promise, (2) that they might observe due order in their march toward the promised land, (3) that the tribes and families might be properly distinguished, (4) that the promise concerning the Messiah might be known to have its due accomplishment when in the fullness of time God should send him from the seed of Abraham through the house of David, (5) Israel needed to be ready for war although they should ever consider God as Protector and Defender; yet it was necessary that they should be assured of their own fitness to cope with ordinary difficulties.

Every male 20 years of age and capable of meeting the physical requirements of military service was to be counted and inducted into the army. Each tribal regiment was to be identified with its respective tribal head. No women, children, strangers, or Levites were included in the numbering for military service.

The Levites were excluded from the military census because they had the responsibility of transporting the

tabernacle and conducting religious services. The tabernacle was a foreshadowing of the Lord Jesus Christ. The tabernacle was going to have to be moved as Israel moved.

Israel was to be organized and move forward in an orderly pattern. God was in the midst of His people giving them direction. It is evident that strict military precision prevailed and that each tribe marched behind its own regimental identification. It is supposed that the standard is what we would call a flag. The quarter of the camp and the tribal arrangement is suggestive of the perfection characterizing all that God does.

This writer would suggest that Judah's position in the camp organization is somewhat prophetic. Its location was on the east side. From very early times in Hebrew history a great leader was looked for. This leader was to come from the tribe of Judah. The location of the camp of Judah conveys the idea that as the sun rises in the east and ushers in the dawn of new day, so the tribe of Judah, located eastward, would usher in the Son of Righteousness with healing power for the nation.

The other tribes were numbered by both Moses and Aaron. However, the Levites were to be numbered by Moses alone. The duties of the sons of Levi are listed in Chapter 3:22-39. It should be noted that Moses and Aaron with Aaron's sons were to dwell on the east between the Judah camp and the tent. This was the most favored position. While the tabernacle was being moved one half of the tribes marched before it and the other half brought up the rear. The priests and Levites were in the middle directing the movement. As one follows Israel's march one can see the joy and happiness which existed in the camp of Israel when the people were obedient. On the other hand, no measure has been devised by which the misery and heartache can be measured among Israel when they disobeyed. It is an eternal truth that disobedience to God in any area of life brings trouble, heartache, and despair.

II. Laws Concerning Special Situations (Numbers 5:1-4:27)

Chapter 5:11-31 talks to us about the test of marital infidelity. This section deals with the question of whether a

man's wife has been unfaithful to her marriage vows. A formula is presented to determine guilt or innocence. Adultery, both physical and spiritual, is one of the most serious of all sins. The punishment of the adulterer can be understood only when the seriousness of the offense is fully realized.

Chapter 6:1-22 begins to give details concerning the Nazirite vow.

III. Instructions for the Beginning of the Tabernacle Service

Chapter 7 is a detailed account of the instructions for the tribal heads in making offerings in the tabernacle service.

Chapter 8:1-4 relates the instructions of Jehovah to Moses for Aaron concerning the golden candlestick.

The candlestick had to be filled with oil each day. The officiating priest had to trim the wick and keep it clean and pure. This tells us that we are to tend each day to the things of God. We must keep God's light burning on a daily basis.

IV. Instructions for an Alternate Passover (Numbers 9:1-14)

The Passover was to be an eternal memorial unto the Lord. Israel was to observe the Passover annually.

The importance of the memorial is reflected in the serious consequences for those who did not observe the Passover but who were readily available, verse 13. It is always necessary for sin to be borne by someone, either the redeemer symbolically expressed in the Passover lamb or the sinner himself must bear the sins. Those who refused to observe the Passover, who did not avail themselves of the provision of transferring their sins to the sin bearer, were cut off from the people. In this picture one may quickly see the idea of free moral choice. The New Testament repeatedly says, "Whoever will, let him come." The Old Testament, in essence, said the same thing. Even the stranger coming into the Israelite camp could appropriate the redemptive work of the Savior, prefigured and symbolized in the Passover lamb.

V. Instructions for Israel's March (Numbers 9:15-10:10)

The pillow of cloud directed the movement of the children of Israel. The cloud hung over the holy of holies by day and by night it took on the form

Life and Work Lesson

The Primacy Of Love

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God wrote love into all human relationships from the beginning. All relationships between family members and between fellow men were to be guided by love-unselfish love. That is seeking the best for others and expecting the best from others.

Many factors work together for grief and joy in family relationships. But the supreme quality needed to enrich and sweeten both marriage and all of life's relationships is unselfish love. The Bible presents the love of man and woman for each other and recognizes the place of romantic love in human happiness. But romantic love alone is not enough to sustain a marriage across decades. Family affection alone is inadequate to nourish the best in family relations. Agape alone is equal to the demands of both marriage and the relation with one's fellow man.

I. The Role of Love In Marriage (Genesis 24:63-67)

The story of Isaac and Rebekah is filled with the beauty of love. Sarah, Isaac's mother, probably had just died, or was near death. The loss of his mother's love was comforted in the new love relationship with his new bride. Isaac was the bearer of the holy seed, but he needed a companion, a wife. Rebekah came as the ancestress succeeding Sarah. The story suggests that Isaac was a rather sharp contrast to the rugged Abraham and the conniving Jacob. He needed a wife who would bring strength and daring, as well as affection, to the union. Isaac found this joy and love in Rebekah. Woman brings a whole new dimension into the home. Her presence completes what is lacking when only males are present. She is the "home-maker."

One of the joys of marriage is the comfort one receives in belonging to another and having the other belong to one's self. Romantic love has been alternately idolized and disoriented. Actually it is important in a marriage, even with its limitations. However,

of a pillow of fire. The pillow of cloud speaks to us of the presence of God through his Holy Spirit. At night the pillow turned into a column of fire so that the people might have visible evidence of God's presence.

there is a deeper dimension for love. The principle of love brings together two lives and enables them to live as one. This is the major role of love agape, in marriage.

II. The Role of Agape Love in Christian Living. (I Corinthians 13:1-3)

Paul labels as "nothing" all persons who lack love. These people may be brilliant and productive in many ways, but without love they are nobodies. The gift of tongues (either ecstatic or oratory) was rated very high by the Corinthians. But without love, words mean nothing. Prophecy was considered one of the highest of all spiritual powers. It enabled one to speak the mind of God. But Paul said that even this gift with faith enough added to move mountains, is equal to a flat zero apart from agape. To give one's goods to the poor and to become a martyr for God were considered exceptional evidences of spiritual worth, but Paul still put the achievers down as zero unless they were filled with Christlike love.

While these words were not addressed specifically to family relationships, they fit them exactly. A parent may be brilliant, famous, eloquent, and a good provider, but without the deep caring of agape he gets a zero. In other words, there is no substitute for love. The dominant strain in the character of God is love: "God is love" (I John 4:8). In family relations, as in all interpersonal relations, love has no peer.

III. The Structure of True Love (I Corinthians 13:4-7)

Instead of attempting a definition Paul gives us a rich description of love. By being placed before our eyes in what it does and does not do, this mother of all virtues is made known to us. When we see love in action, its value appears anew and can be understood by its characteristic features.

If love is so important that the highest possible gifts and achievements apart from it leave one a nothing, then we need to know the structure of that love. What is it like? How does it operate in interpersonal relations?

1. Patient — only the patient and strong, for the weakling loses his cool and emits frustration. Because love means a deep caring for persons, love enables one to become more understanding, more long-suffering.

2. Kind — Love enables one to keep showing good will to the person who

has been hateful. Love absorbs the barks that come from angry people and keeps doing good.

3. Love is not jealous or boastful — Jealousy reflects smallness and selfishness. Deep caring for another enables one to rejoice in his good fortune without being jealous.

4. Love is not arrogant or rude — To be arrogant, or puffed up, shows that one is thinking more highly of himself than he ought to think. To be rude to others shows that one is not sensitive to others' feelings, does not care whether he hurts another. Thus, agape love is missing.

5. Love does not insist on its own way. — Love enables one to give and take in matters relating to foods, vacations, schedules, TV programs and the spending of family money.

6. Love is not irritable or resentful. — Deep caring causes one to absorb a lot of irritation without growing resentful and lashing out at the one causing it. Love forgives. Without this quality home life is doomed to frustration.

7. Love does not rejoice in wrong but rejoices in the right. — Because of a deep caring about the character and welfare of others, the one who loves cannot rejoice when others go wrong. Instead, he will rejoice at every sign of spiritual profit.

8. Love bears all things. — Love is tender; it holds on in the face of every handicap and hardship. Love has saved many homes as a parent (or child) has refused to stop loving after years of abuse and neglect.

9. Love believes all things — Love generates trust, not suspicion. The power of the parents' trust has saved many a child from moral ruin. Trust of husband or wife is a powerful support to a marriage partner when fidelity is being tested.

10. Love endures all things. — Love enabled Hosea to endure Gomer's infidelity. Wives have endured a husband's neglect, immorality, drunkenness, and brutality. Love endures. Obviously the kind of love described by Paul is found only at the end of a long life of progress and inner growth. It takes years of living close to God and exercising personal discipline to become capable of this kind of love. One needs the power of the Holy Spirit to achieve this goal of love. To discover and develop the primacy of love should be the goal of Christian living.